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COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM GUIDEBOOK
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MIDTERM/FINAL EXAM
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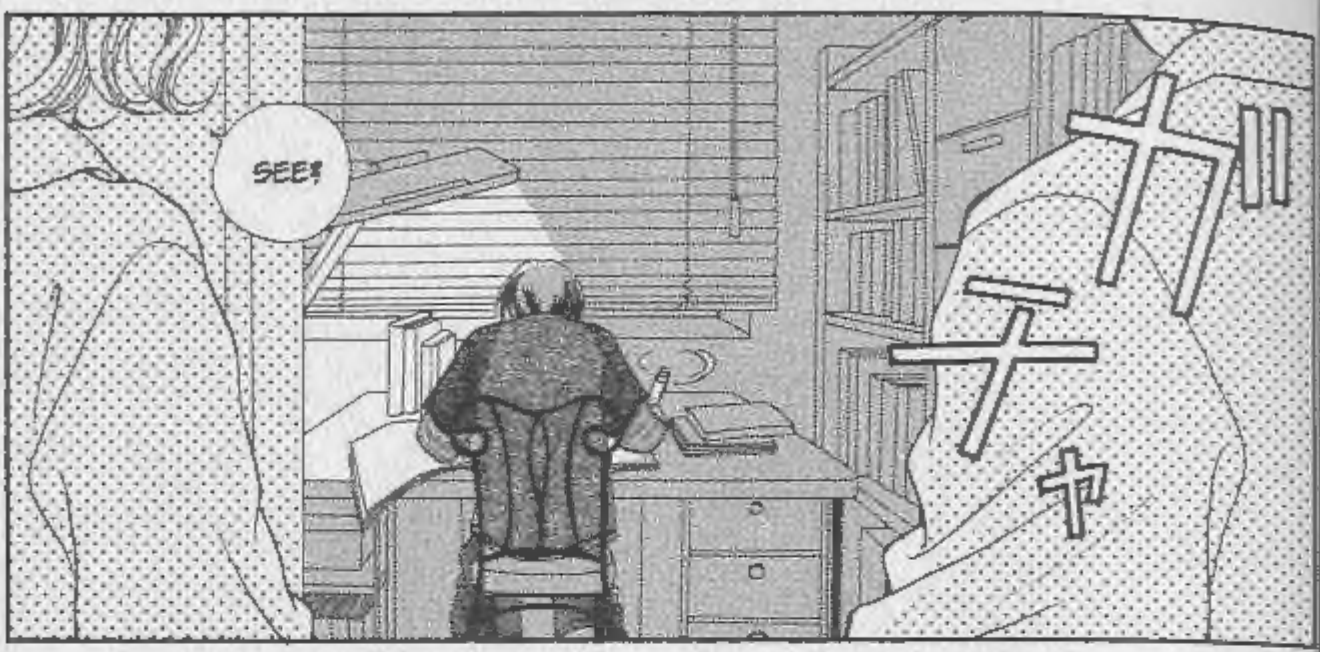
SIGH
I USED THAT SAME LINE OF B.S. WHEN I KEPT SAYING I WOULD START MY DIET. TOMORROW...
YEAH, RIGHT!
UGH, I GIVE UP!
I'LL REALLY START STUDYING TOMORROW.
!!
WHERE'S KYOKO?
SHE'S PROBABLY IN HER ROOM STUDYING.
.....
I WONDER WHICH IS HARDER FOR ME TO RESIST... EATING OR SLEEPING?
I WONDER IF I'M JUST WEAK?!
I TURNED WHITE AS A SHEET WHENEVER THE TOPIC WAS BROUGHT UP!
"WHICH SCHOOL IS YOUR DAUGHTER GOING TO?"
HMPH. AT THE STAFF MEETING TODAY, PEOPLE ASKED ME,
WELCOME HOME, HONEY.


SEE?

I'll bring you some food later.
EVEN A MONKEY CAN JUST SIT AT A DESK.
IS ANYTHING GETTING INTO THAT HEAD OF YOURS? EH?
WHAT'LL YOU DO IF YOU CAN'T EVEN RANK NEAR THE TOP OF THE CLASS IN A SECOND-RATE HIGH SCHOOL LIKE YOURS?
YOUR GRADES FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER WERE HORRIBLE.
I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
YOU BETTER BE STUDYING FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TESTS AND THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS!
RIGHT?
DON'T EMBARRASS ME!
YES, DAD.

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COFFEE
ブラック
ALL-NIGHTER COOLING SHEETS
ひんやりシート
NO-DOZ GUM
メンタム
YOU NEED TO KEEP AN EYE ON KYOKO TO MAKE SURE SHE'S STUDYING!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THE WHOLE TIME YOU'RE IN THE HOUSE, ANYWAY?
バサッ
カシャン
I'M TIRED. I'M GOING TO BED.
WOULD YOU LIKE A SHOWER, DEAR?
バタン
コクコク
OW...
キーン
コーン...

1A

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAND?
IT'S NOTHING.
YOU'RE SO LUCKY. MY OLD MAN'D NEVER LET ME HAVE ONE.
EVEN AFTER I TOLD HIM I'D PAY THE BILL...
SO THEY FINALLY LET YOU HAVE A CELL PHONE!
I PROMISED THEM IF THEY BOUGHT ME A CELL PHONE, I'D GET THE TOP SCORE ON THE TEST.
Now I really wish I hadn't!
Y...YEAH.
BUT HE STILL LET YOU GO TO A CRAPPY HIGH SCHOOL LIKE THIS?!
HE GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY, AND NOW HE'S THE HEAD COUNSELOR AT A SUPER-ELITE HIGH SCHOOL.
Pocky
No way!
At least he's not as bad as you make him out to be...
YOUR DAD'S NOT NEARLY AS STRICT AS MINE.
WELL...I JUST DIDN'T GET INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL HE WANTED ME TO.
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Agh!
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WHOA! THE BUTTON ON YOUR SKIRT POPPED LOOSE!
YOU ATE THE WHOLE BAG BY YOURSELF?!
Oops!
Burp!
No way! And you ate a lot for lunch, too!
からっぽ
POTATO CHIPS

EIJI..
YOU SHOULDN'T EAT SO MUCH!
かあああ
THIS SKIRT WAS ALWAYS TIGHT ON ME!
ARE YOU REBOUNDING AGAIN! THAT MUST BE YOUR SPECIALTY!
HA HA HA!
EIJI!
YO! REBOUND QUEEN!
There they go again.
That guy always puts his foot in his mouth.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY CELL PHONE!
Aren't your parents chubby, too? Might as well just give up then!
Nothing.
AGH! YOU PUT YOUR NUMBER IN MY ADDRESS BOOK!
LET ME SEE THAT!
!!

HEY, SHIGE! YEAH. SORRY, MY CELL PHONE'S ON THE FRITZ.
NO WAAAY! DUDE! YOU'RE, LIKE, TOTALLY POSTAL! HUH! IF YOU SPICE IT UP TOO MUCH, YOUR EYES WILL POP RIGHT OUT OF YOUR HEAD!
SELFISH BITCH.
WHAT LANGUAGE IS THAT GIRL SPEAKING!
IF YOU GIVE IT TO AYA, SHE'LL USE IT FOR A COUPLE HOURS WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT
Um, I have to go...
Eek!
IF YOU WANT IT BACK, YOU HAVE TO BUY A TICKET TO THIS FUNDRAISER FIRST.
Well? Well?
Um, oh
How about you guys? I'll give you a discount!

THAT MONSTER!
DAMMIT!
HUH? THERE'S NO SUCH PARTY
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
HUH? MAYBE IT'S ON THIS STREET
YO
HMPF
AND BEFORE THAT, I BOUGHT A PRADA BAG FROM HER, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE SOME CHEAP FAKE
DAMN AYA. SHE WAS PROBABLY LYING WHEN SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS PREGNANT, TOO, AND I GOT ALL THAT MONEY TOGETHER TO HELP HER OUT
THAT BITCH! I'M GONNA KILL HER ONE OF THESE DAYS.
KARAOKE
KARAOKE?

Yahaha
Whee!
Hmpf
I'LL SHOW YOU. I'M SERIOUS THIS TIME!
My drink!
OOOH, NO. GET THAT FOOD AWAY FROM ME!
Are you on a diet again?
HA! YOU HAVE NO WILLPOWER! JUST GIVE IT UP!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP IT UP FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS.
EVERYONE ELSE CAN HAVE FUN AND THEY'LL STILL DO FINE, BUT NOT ME. WONDER WHY?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT STUDYING?
HUH?
HEY, YOU GUYS ARE IN A MAGAZINE!
Ahahahaha!
SO THAT GUY REALLY WAS A MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER!
CHECK
IN MAGAZINE
HONOKI
YOU MEAN THOSE PICTURES THEY TOOK BACK IN JULY BY THE POOL?
NO WAY!

I'M SO embarrassed!
Wow!
OUR TEACHERS BETTER NEVER FIND OUT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KYO?
WHAT A NASTY MAGAZINE!
MAYBE SHE'S IN THE FRONT OF THE MAGAZINE?
HUH? YOU'RE NOT IN HERE.
HJH?
NO WAY...I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT OUT!
I CAN'T FIND HER ANY-WHERE.
TOO BAD!
HEY, MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE OU WERE IN ONE-PIECE!
OR MAYBE YOU'LL BE IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE!
HEY, HERE SHE IS!
Ha ha
GASP!
かおかお
SPECIAL REPORT:
THE HOTTEST THIGHS IN HOLLYWOOD

LOOK.
デブ専くんの君へ!
FOR GUYS WHO LIKE THEIR LADIES CHUBBY
KYOKO
FOR GUYS WHO LIKE BIG BOOBS
GENTLE HEARTS IN BIG POWERFUL BODIES
AHAHAHAHAHA!
すぱーん
WHOA!
...
OH MY GOD!
WH. WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!
KYO, STOP!
IDIOT.
ガシャン
Aw, man.
HEY, WHADDYA THINK YOU'RE DOIN', EIJI!
Ha ha. You really did it now, Maeda
KYO!

Eiji, Help!
Leave me alone!
LAXATIVES WILL ONLY HURT YOUR STOMACH!
KYO.
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU. JUST THROW THOSE AWAY!
AM I REALLY THAT FAT? I DIDN'T THINK IT'D GOTTEN THAT BAD.
I'm gonna take these until my stomach shrivels up!
THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE AROUND HERE WHO ARE FATTER THAN YOU ARE.
LIAR! THEN SHOW THEM TO ME!
Stop it!
I'M HEADED TO THE POINT OF NO RETURN!
I'M OVER 114 POUNDS!
SO RELAX, OKAY?
IT'S FINE AND HEALTHY TO BE A LITTLE PLUMP!
KYO, YOU'RE DRUNK.
YOU'RE NOT HELPING!
UH-OH
Ha ha

114 POUNDS!
THAT'S LESS THAN I WEIGH!
ONE
GAAAH!
You can't just come in here!
WHADDYA WANT!
KYO! WAIT!
Tackle!
Ow!
AYA!
Ow!
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!

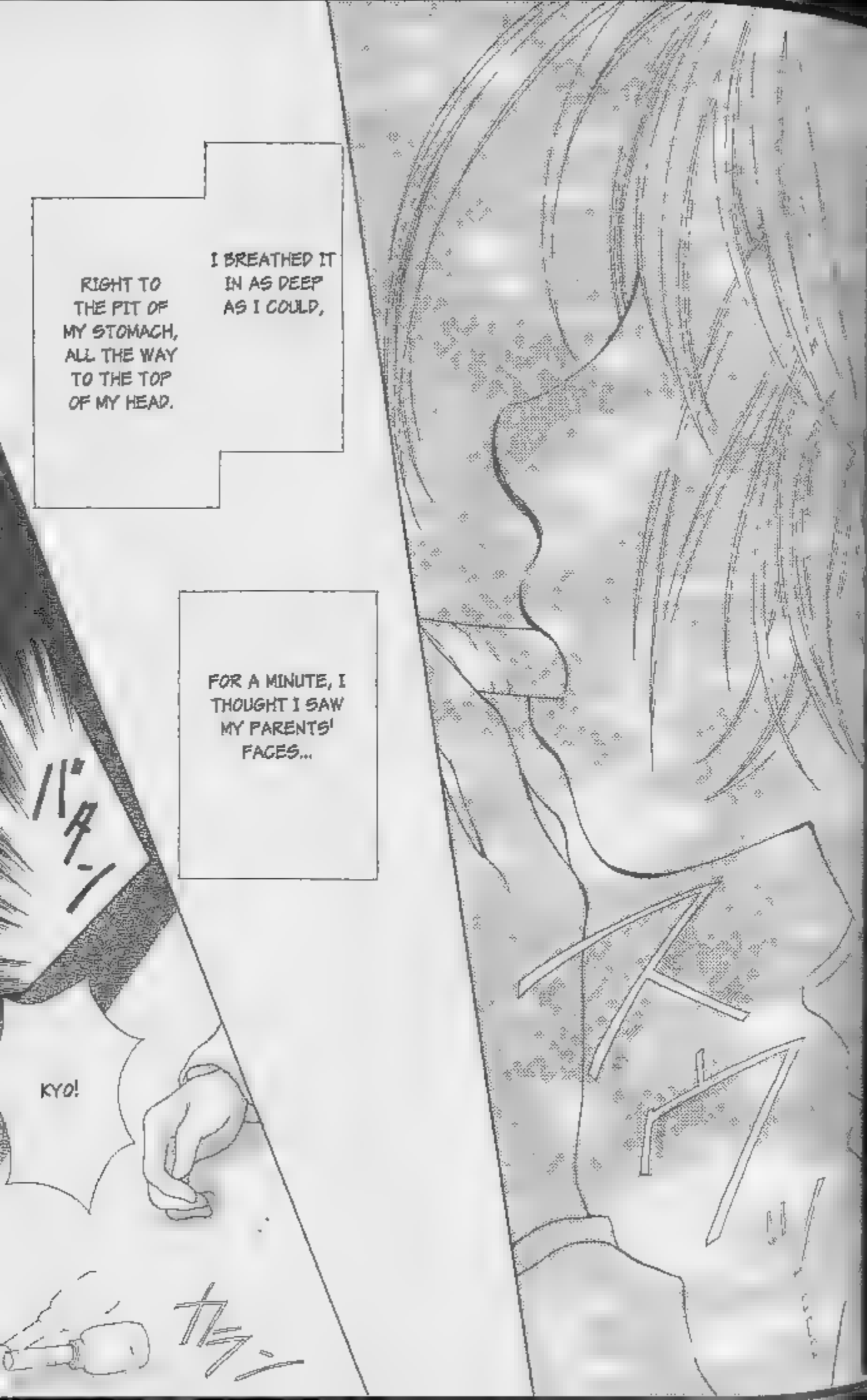
What did I step on?
My aluminum foil! And it was my last piece too!
KYO?
OH GREAT, YOU STEPPED ON IT!
YOU TRICKED US!
WHY'D YOU COME HERE ANYWAY?
.THESE PAST FEW MONTHS, I JUST CAN'T STOP MYSELF. I EAT AND EAT, BUT I'M STILL HUNGRY.
I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE MUCH WILLPOWER. I REALIZE THAT, BUT...
I TRIED THE COCOA DIET, I TRIED THE GRAPEFRUIT DIET, AND I TRIED ALMOST EVERY DIET THERE IS...BUT I ALWAYS REBOUND.
WHY?
NOW ALL I'VE GOT LEFT IS LAXATIVES.
Kyo...
?
Heh heh heh!
Aah! Leave some for Aya!
EY, WHAT IN E HECK ARE ESE GUYS DOING?
AH-HA! THIS BOTTLE WILL DO JUST FINE!

NO WAY THEY'RE DOING..
...DRUGS!

I LOST 15 POUNDS IN 3 DAYS WITH THIS STUFF
CHUCKLE
WHY'D YOU WANNA TRY LOSING WEIGHT WITH A LAXATIVE? WE GOT BETTER THINGS THAN THAT NOW.
キュッ キュッ
YOU CAN LOSE IT ALL AT ONCE WITH S.
HMPF!
I'VE HEARD OF SPEED, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS A DIET DRUG.
IT'S CALLED S. SPEED.
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF IT?
YOU WANNA TRY SOME? THIS STUFF WILL KEEP YOU GOING EVEN IF YOU DON'T EAT A THING.
15 POUNDS IN 3 DAYS?
Come on, Kyo!
WE GOTTA GO BEFORE WE GET CAUGHT.
KYO?
.....

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE?
YOU BURN IT AND INHALE IT, LIKE A CIGARETTE
HMM.
IT LOOKS LIKE SUGAR
THE BACK OF YOUR NECK GETS REEEEAL COLD. AND IT FEELS SOOOO GOOD.
AH.
THERE WE GO THAT'S IT
ISN'T THAT ILLEGAL?
DOESN'T THAT STUFF TEAR YOU TO PIECES?
GULP
BUT...IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S A STRONG POISON LIKE DETERGENTS OR ANYTHING...
...AND AYA'S USING IT AND SHE SEEMS BETTER THAN EVER.
YOU'LL DIE!
IT MUST'VE BEEN THE SPEED THAT MADE HER SO THIN

HOW PRETTY!
THE SMOKE'S WHITE...JUST LIKE CIGARETTE SMOKE.
IT FLOATS LIKE CREAM..
KYO!


I BREATHED IT IN AS DEEP AS I COULD,
RIGHT TO THE PIT OF MY STOMACH, ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP OF MY HEAD.
FOR A MINUTE, I THOUGHT I SAW MY PARENTS' FACES...
KYO!

KYO! COME ON, KYO!
WHAT HAPPENED?
OH NO.
SOMEBODY CALL AN AMBULANCE!
.....
YOU WERE JUST TRICKED BY THAT DAMN AYA AGAIN
OU GOT EXCITED AND LET ER FOOL YOU.
SIGH.
JUST KIDDING!
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ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO ME? KYO?
HE'S WORRIED YOU MIGHT BE UNDER TOO MUCH STRESS LATELY.
HUH?
KYO, WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP DOING SUCH SILLY THINGS? I'M SERIOUS! EVERY TIME YOU DECIDE TO GO ON A DIET, YOU MAKE ALL OF US WORRY ABOUT YOU, INCLUDING EIJI.
IT'S TRUE.
WHOA! HEY, HEY, ARE MY FEET FLOATING?
ARE THEY EVEN TOUCHING THE GROUND?
I'M COOOOLD. AREN'T YOU GUYS COOLD?
IS IT WINTER ALREADY?
WHAAAT? BUT THE SKY IS SO BRIIIIGHT AND CLEEEAR!
9:00.
OH WOOOOOW WHAT TIME IS IT?
KYO?
HUH?
AH HA HA
YOU'RE TOTALLY WASTED.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DRANK SO MUCH.
EEK! WHAT'S THAT?
I'M HOME!
AND IF YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING ME BY JUST SITTING AT THAT DESK, YOU'RE DEAD WRONG. EVEN A MONKEY CAN SIT AT A DESK. YOU NEED TO ACTUALLY STUDY!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE PLAYING AROUND! GOT IT? ALL YOU SHOULD BE DOING IS STUDYING! KYOKO?
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
KYO IS BACK, DEAR!
KYOKO!

LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE FINALLY GETTING SERIOUS.
GOOD GIRL.
KYOKO?
KYOKO, ARE YOU STILL UP?
!
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD, DEAR. I'VE MADE SOME BREAKFAST, SO WHY DON'T YOU COME HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT?
WAIT. BREAKFAST?

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OH MY GOD! IT'S ALREADY MORNING!
THIS IS A LOT OF WORK FOR ONE NIGHT. I'M IMPRESSED
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I.
I MUST'VE
...BEEN SO FOCUSED THAT I DIDN'T GET TIRED AT ALL.

...AND WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS BACK TO MY REGULAR OLD SELF.
...LATER ON, I FINALLY SLEPT...
BUT...
MORNING!
MORNING!
キーンコーン...
KYO!
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?
HA HA! FORGET ABOUT IT.
YOU'RE SO FUNNY WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK.
Y Yeah
MORNING! ARE YOU OKAY AFTER WHAT HAPPENED THE OTHER NIGHT? DID YOU GET BACK HOME ALL RIGHT?
WAS I ACTING LIKE THAT JUST BECAUSE OF THE ALCOHOL?
I HAVEN'T STUDIED AT ALL!
MIDTERMS ARE GONNA START TOMORROW.
MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE
18(月) 19(火) 20(水)
1 LITERATURE ENGLISH MATH
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WONDER

...THE REASON I COULD STAY UP ALL NIGHT WAS...
AYA!
YEAH?
PLEASE GIVE ME SOME OF THOSE DRUGS!

PUT 1-2 DROPS IN TEA OR SOMETHING
IT'S SPEED YOU CAN MIX IN WITH SOMETHING TO DRINK.
WAAAH. MY HAIR IS STICKING STRAIGHT UP!
THAT'S IT! THAT'S THE FEELING!
IT TAKES A LITTLE WHILE FOR YOU TO REALLY FEEL IT, BUT IT STILL WORKS.
ALL OF A SUDDEN, EVERYTHING SEEMED SO BRIGHT, AND MY BODY FELT SO LIGHT.
I HAVE ALL THIS ENERGY NOW AND I CAN TRULY FOCUS.
AH...

"SPEED."
I DON'T GET TIRED AT ALL.
IT'S LIKE I'M CONSTANTLY "SWITCHED ON."
AND JUST LIKE ITS NAME, IT REALLY WAKES ME UP AND I SEEM TO "SPEED."
IT'S CLASSIFIED AS A STIMULANT.
I STAYED UP FOR THREE STRAIGHT DAYS DURING MIDTERMS.
I DRINK IT AT NIGHT, THEN AGAIN IN THE MORNING..
I DRINK IT AS SOON AS I GET HOME.
I DRINK IT IN THE MORN-ING
WOOOW! WHEN DID YOU GET SO SMART, KYO?
1A

hey. Try to look a
happier. You're at
op of the class!
NAME:
KYOKO
MAEDA
KYOKO
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2ND SEMESTER MID
MATH I
CLASS: A TEST
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU LIKE THIS IN A WHILE.
....
IT WAS MORE LIKE YOU WERE RELIEVED THAT YOU DIDN'T GET BELOW A 90
YOU NEVER GOT HAPPY AND EXCITED ABOUT GETTING ABOVE A 90.
EVEN IN JUNIOR HIGH ..
HUH?
98

I GUESS THIS IS OKAY.
SIGH..
IT WAS MORE LIKE YOU WERE RELIEVED THAT YOU DIDN'T GET BELOW A 90
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95 ARITHMETIC
I GUESS THIS IS ALL RIGHT.
SCIENCE 100
SOCIAL STUDIES 98
95
KYOKO! ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE ME TAKE STOMACH PILLS?
BUT IN THE LAST YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH, EVEN KIDS WHO NEVER REALLY STUDIED BEFORE SUDDENLY STARTED TO GET SERIOUS.
I WOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED ANYTHING LESS FROM YOUR DAUGHTER. OF COURSE, SHE'LL BE GOING TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY, RIGHT?
AS THE DAUGHTER OF A TEACHER AT A FAMOUS SCHOOL WHO GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY I WAS JUST AUTOMATICALLY EXPECTED TO GET GOOD GRADES
I GUESS I'VE BEEN TOO EASY ON YOU!
I COMPLETELY BOMBED OUT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL DAD WANTED ME TO GO TO
130-180中
AND THEY PASSED ME BY
I THOUGHT IF I TRIED HARD, DAD WOULD SMILE FOR ME.
YOU NEED TO STRAIGHTEN UP YOUR ACT, YOUNG LADY!

THE ATMOSPHERE INSIDE THE HOME OF A TEACHER IS ALWAYS TENSE.
DON'T WORRY YOU'RE YOUR FATHER'S DAUGHTER, SO I'M SURE YOU'LL GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
HE STARTED YELLING AT MOM, TOO, BECAUSE OF MY GRADES.
PLEASE, KYO, JUST TRY..
BADUMP!
OH NO... HOW STUPID OF ME.
Are you okay?
PHEW! DAD DIDN'T GET MAD THIS TIME.
I CAN'T LET DAD DOWN.

KYO
HEY, WHY ARE YOU EVEN BOTHERING WITH S IF YOU'RE JUST GONNA PLAY AROUND WITH IT?
YOU SHOULD HAVE SOME REAL FUN WITH IT. WELL, WHATEVER.
SEE YA
I CAN'T EMBARRASS HIM
SORRY I'M LATE
IS THIS
I'M HAVING ANOTHER PARTY TONIGHT. WANNA COME?
IT'S AT THE KING ARCADE, JUST A LITTLE WAYS FROM THE SHOPPING MALL
YOU KNOW IT?
HA HA!

Huh?
OH NO, I ZONED OUT AGAIN
ズーン
YEAH.. THINGS ARE GETTING TOO DANGEROUS.
OH...
UM, JUST ANOTHER FUNDRAISER.
WHAT WERE YOU JUST TALKING TO AYA ABOUT?
Ha ha! I TOLD HER NO.
THAT'S GOOD. I CAN'T STAND THAT DAMN AYA.
IN OTHER WORDS, I REGRESSED.
...MY THROAT WAS DRY AND I FELT HUNGRY.
BUT AS SOON AS IT LEFT MY SYSTEM...
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY APPETITE AS LONG AS THE S WAS STILL HAVING AN EFFECT.
I THOUGHT SHE LOST WEIGHT ON IT.
DIDN'T AYA SAY S WAS A DIET DRUG?
I'M PROBABLY EVEN FATTER THAN BEFORE.

YOU CAN'T LOSE WEIGHT THAT QUICKLY. YOU HAVE TO KEEP USING IT.
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SNIFFING PAINT THINNER. BUT STIMULANTS ARE DIFFERENT. YOU CAN QUIT THEM ANYTIME
HA HA HA!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.

S IS AN UPPER. MARIJUANA IS A DOWNER.
KIND OF LIKE ALCOHOL.
MARIJUANA. YOU USE IT TO CALM DOWN.
I'D ROLL MY OWN BUT I DON'T LIKE THIS
59 SECONDS LATER
IT'S WEED.
MMM...
IS THAT A CIGARETTE?
THIS IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I SAW IN THOSE YAKUZA MOVIES.
THERE'D BE MARKS ALL OVER THEIR ARMS.
THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF DRUGS.
The name's Shige. Nice to meet ya
ALUMINUM FOIL
Oh...
YOU CAME TO DO SOME S, RIGHT?
EVEN VIAGRA'S BEEN CALLED A DANGEROUS DRUG, BUT YOU WON'T DIE AS LONG AS YOU FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE FINE AS LONG AS YOU USE IT RIGHT.
YOU HOLD THE STRAW IN YOUR MOUTH LIKE THIS, AND THEN YOU LIGHT IT...
Aluminum's old fashioned, but I like this way the best
KEEP ROLLING UNTIL THERE AREN'T ANY CREASES.
IF THE FOIL'S BENT, YOU GOTTA FLATTEN IT.

AND IT'S ONLY FOR A SECOND.
CAN'T LET IT SLIP BY!
NOW.
I'LL QUIT WHEN I'VE LOST SOME WEIGHT.
AYA SAID, "YOU CAN JUST QUIT WHENEVER YOU WANT."
YOU NEED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR BODY, RIGHT?
AND BE SURE TO TAKE LOTS OF VITAMIN C, TOO
HA HA HA HA!
KYO?
DID YOU LOSE A LOT OF WEIGHT, KYO?
GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM

HA! NOPE!
I'M JUST EATING LESS, THAT'S ALL.
YEAH, THIS ISN'T ONE OF THOSE DIETS WHERE I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH FEELING HUNGRY ALL THE TIME.
Ha ha!
Your socks are even falling down.
ARE YOU ON ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR CRASH DIETS AGAIN?
BUT THEN I LOST WEIGHT IN MY LOWER BODY, TOO.
.....
AT FIRST, IT WAS JUST MY FACE AND HANDS THAT GOT THINNER.
Hey..
I WISH I HAD KNOWN ABOUT THESE DRUGS SOONER!
I GUESS I SHOULD QUIT SOON...
WAIT A MINUTE! THEN YOU MEAN THOSE DRUGS WERE REAL?
ND KYO JSED SOME...
HA HA HA!
SPEED MAKES PEOPLE ACT LIKE THAT!
AT DEVELOPMENT ROOM
YEAH. I THINK SHE DRANK TOO MUCH.
YOU REMEMBER THAT NIGHT WE WERE COMING BACK FROM THE KARAOKE BAR? KYO WAS ACTING TOTALLY HIGH..

HEY, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS SAYING..
OH NO...
I SAW YOU WITH AYA BEFORE BUT..
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DRUGS, RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT DOING DRUGS ARE YOU?
WOULD YOU TAKE A DRUG TEST?
WHATEVER. GIMME THREE DAYS AND THE DRUGS WILL BE OUT OF MY SYSTEM.
HA!
HAZUKI AND RUMI ARE WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
I WAS A BIT WORRIED, WHETHER YOU..
I'M...ALWAYS SAYING THINGS THAT HURT YOU
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK ANY-THING YOU SAY COULD HURT ME!
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

A...ARE YOU SERIOUS?
SO IT WAS THE DRUGS THAT HELPED YOU DO SO WELL ON THE MIDTERMS?
I DON'T DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD HURT MY PARENTS!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT
N...NO, I GOT THOSE GRADES ON MY OWN!
THAT'S RIGHT.
I LIVED UP TO MY PARENTS' EXPECTATIONS!
KYO!
I BELIEVE IN YOU, KYO
I USED MY OWN MIND! I WROTE THOSE ANSWERS WITH MY OWN HANDS!
I DIDN'T CHEAT!

I'LL DO WELL EVEN WITHOUT THE DRUGS!
HE'S HANDING THEM BACK ALREADY?
BUT I THOUGHT I NAILED THEM...
60
18
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
38
30
45
HEY, I'M WAITING FOR THOSE STOMACH PILLS!
I GUESS I REALLY CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT S..
KAZUE, GET MY STOMACH PILLS.
Kyo.
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.....
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU..
WERE THOSE GRADES YOU GOT LAST TIME JUST SOME SORT OF MIRACLE?
UGH...
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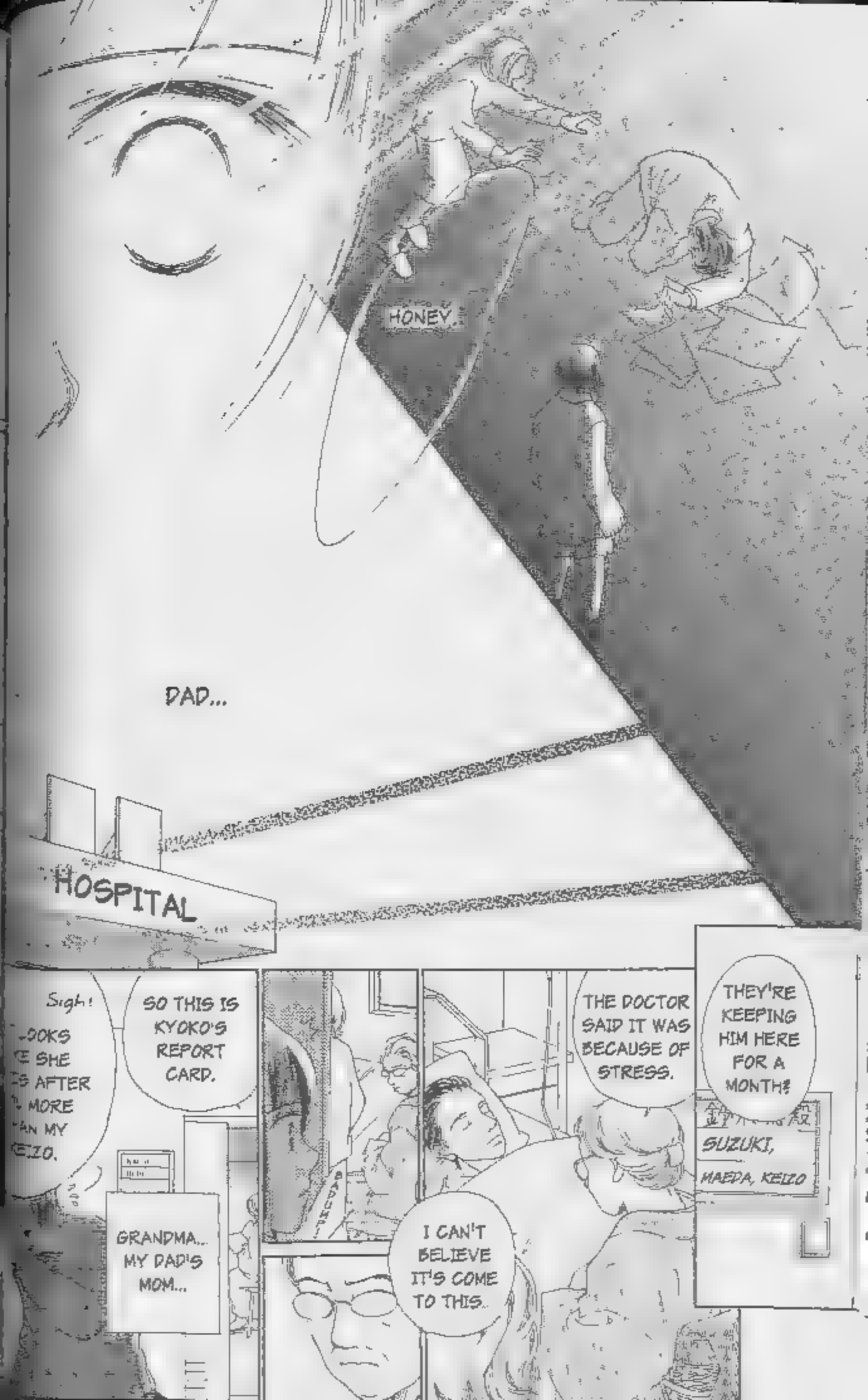
HONEY.
DAD...
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Sigh!
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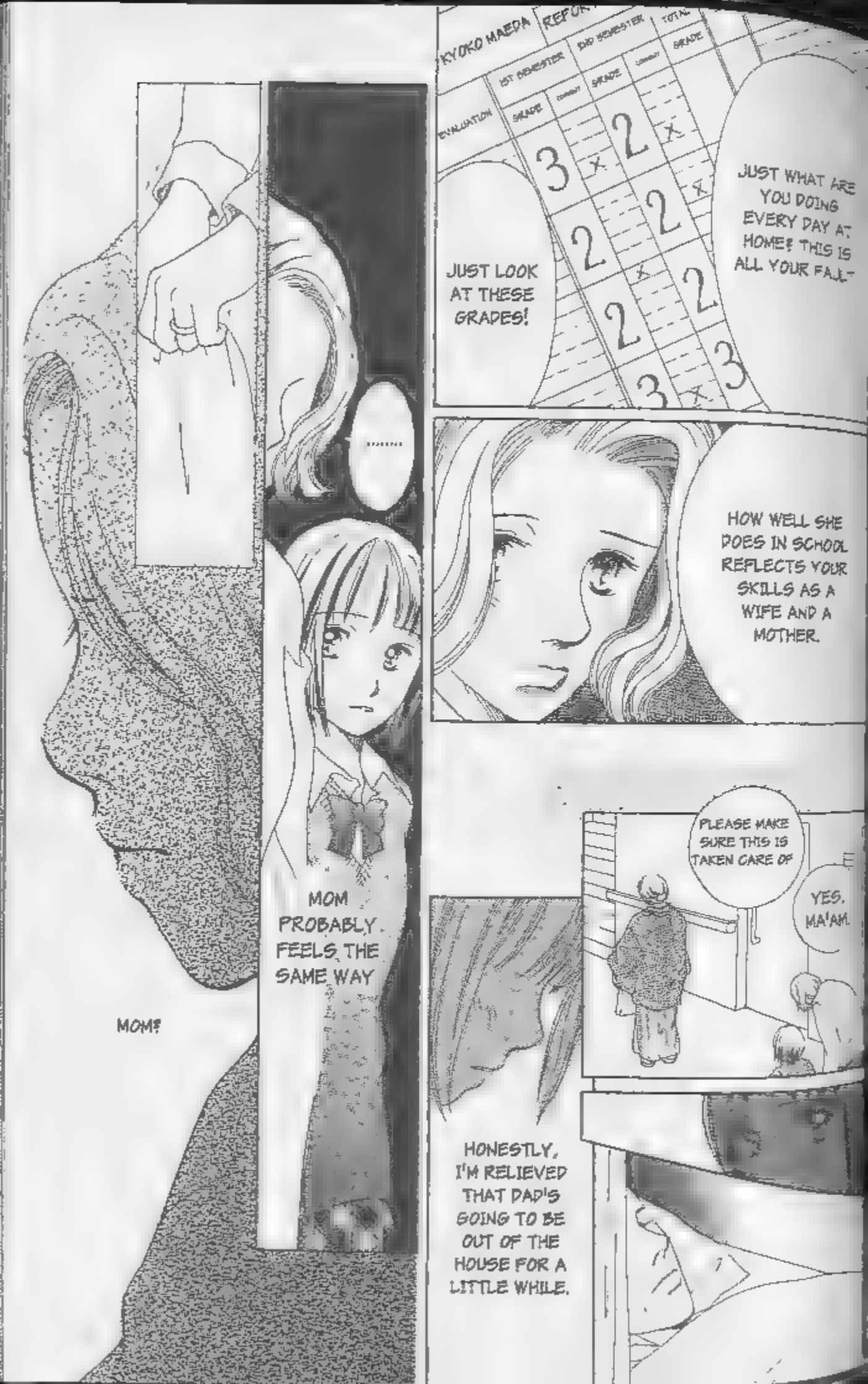
AN MY
EIO.
SO THIS IS KYOKO'S REPORT CARD.
GRANDMA... MY DAD'S MOM...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S COME TO THIS.
THE DOCTOR SAID IT WAS BECAUSE OF STRESS.
THEY'RE KEEPING HIM HERE FOR A MONTH?
SUZUKI,
MAEDA, KEIZO


KYOKO MAEDA
REPORT
1ST SEMESTER
2ND SEMESTER
TOTAL
EVALUATION
GRADE
COMMENT
JUST LOOK AT THESE GRADES!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING EVERY DAY AT HOME? THIS IS ALL YOUR FAU-
HOW WELL SHE DOES IN SCHOOL REFLECTS YOUR SKILLS AS A WIFE AND A MOTHER.
PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS IS TAKEN CARE OF
YES, MA'AM.
HONESTLY, I'M RELIEVED THAT DAD'S GOING TO BE OUT OF THE HOUSE FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
MOM PROBABLY FEELS THE SAME WAY
MOM?

..UNTIL YOU GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
EVERY DAY?
WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU INTO THAT DAMN SCHOOL NO MATTER WHAT.
WHAT?
MAEDA
THIS IS YOUR NEW TUTOR.
HE'S A STUDENT FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY
NICE TO MEET YOU.
HE'LL BE COMING HERE EVERY DAY...
MOM!
COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM
TEST CE
TRENDS
YOU'LL NEVER GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY UNLESS YOU STUDY 24 HOURS A DAY.
SO I'M HERE TO TEACH YOU.
COLLEGE EN
MODERN LITE
KYO TOTALLY BOMBED THE FINAL EXAMS.
I GUESS SHE WAS DOING DRUGS AFTER ALL.
I WONDER IF THAT TUTOR'S STILL THERE. I CAN NEVER REACH KYO ON HER CELL PHONE.
OU DON'T INK HE'S STILL MAKING ER STUDY IS LATE T NIGHT, O YOU?
And it's winter

I'M SOR..
LET'S GO, RIGHT NOW!
DID YO JUST YAWN AGA
THIS'LL KEEP YOU FROM FALLING ASLEEP!
SIT OVER THERE AND STUDY WITH YOUR LEGS ON THE BOARD!
LISTEN UP! YOU BETTER GET PERFECT SCORES ON THE NEXT TESTS, OR ELSE!
ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ARE GOING TO COME FROM THE TEXTBOOK, SO YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS GETTING THEM ALL! UNDERSTAND?!
MOM...

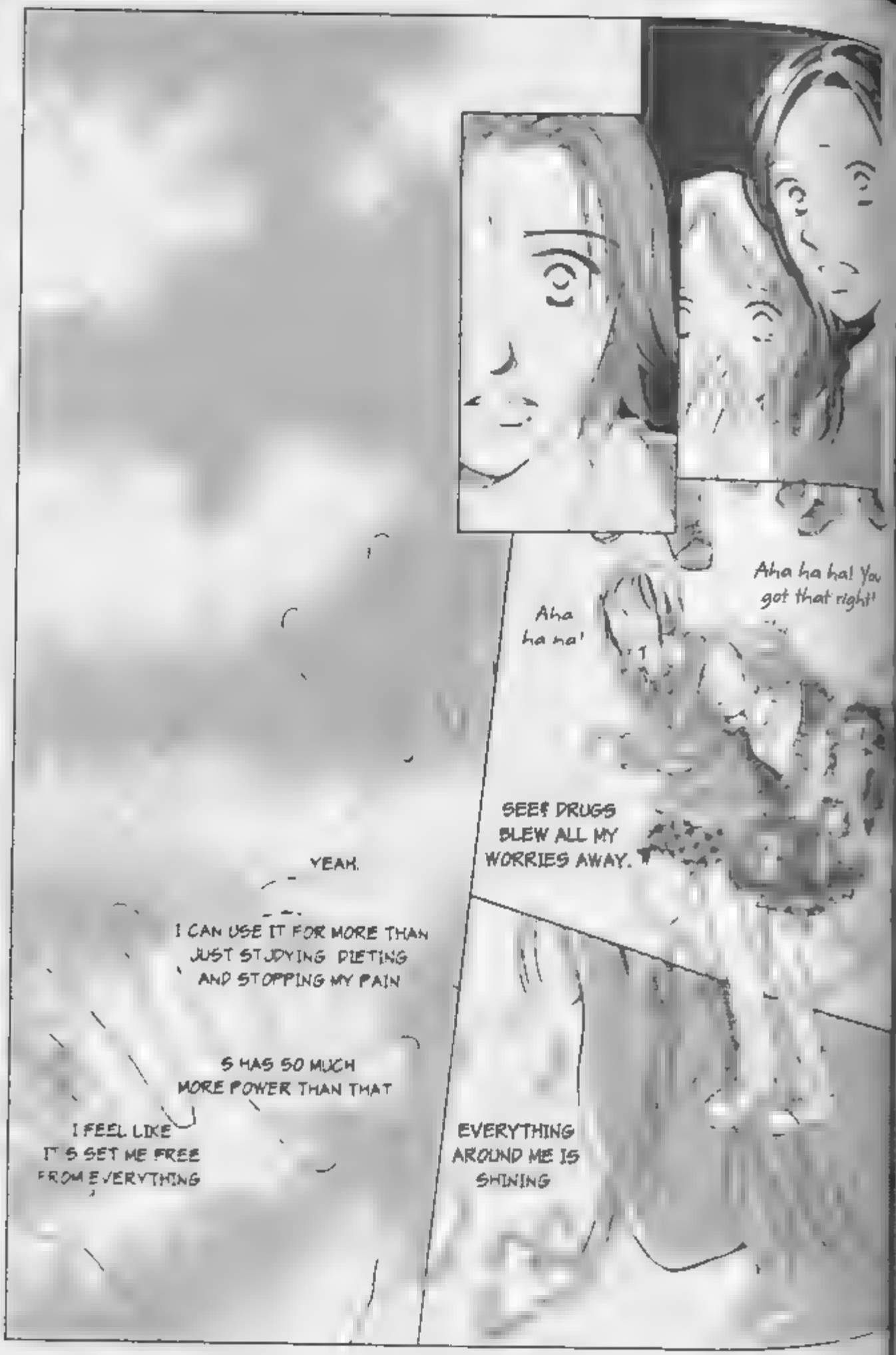
THE THIRD SEMESTER START'S TODAY
MY LEGS HURT
OKAY, JUST HURRY UP
I HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM! I CAN'T HOLD IT
AYA...
GIRLS' TOILET
Gulp
YOU, TOO, MAEDA?

SO YOU WANT SOME OF THAT, HUH?
THEN I'LL JUST MAKE SOME APPEAR.. TA-DA! JUST LIKE HOUDINI!
IMITATING HOUDINI TA-DA!
SPEED!
YOU CAN CARRY IT AROUND WITH YOU, TOO
JUST PUT IT IN YOUR BRA, LIKE THIS.
HURRY UP, AYA!
YOU CAN HAVE SOME REAL FUN WITH THIS STUFF! AND IT MAKES SEX THE BEST!
YOU'RE DESPERATE TODAY, AREN'T YOU?
SERIOUSLY? IT'S TOTALLY BITTER.
HEY! THAT'S TOO MUCH! HEEEY!
...I HEARD S CAN BE A PAINKILLER, TOO.
I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO QUIT, BUT...
LET'S PUT IT IN JUICE AND DRINK IT
CAN YOU EAT IT?

SHE KYO ISN'T BACK FROM THE BATHROOM YET?
I WONDER IF SHE'S FEELING ALL RIGHT. WANNA GO CHECK?
1A
MY PAIN DISAPPEARED, JUST LIKE THAT.
HEY, AYA'S NOT HERE EITHER.
.....
バタバタ
OH NO! I'M SCARED!
BUT...
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D BE DOING DRUGS, RIGHT?
Yaah!
GIRLS
!!
KYO!
WHERE'S THE SECOND FLOOR TOILET?
GIRLS' TOILET

AHA HA HA HA HA!
Take this!
GA HA HA HA!
KYO!
YOU... I KNEW IT...
IDIOT!
Ugh! A mandarin alien! A cucumber alien!
HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU IF YOU DO DRUGS? YOU COULD DIE!
WHY?
I'M DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, KYO
DRUG USERS ARE SCUM!

Ha ha!
HAZUKI, YOU'RE EXAGGERATING! YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA!
Ha ha ha!
I MEAN, LOTS OF PEOPLE USE STUFF LIKE TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL.
THIS WORLD'S GOT THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT DRUGS BECAUSE PEOPLE ONLY TELL YOU ABOUT THE BAD DRUGS.
BUT IF THEY WERE REALLY SO SCARY, THEN WHY DOES EVERYONE PAY SO MUCH FOR THEM? WHY DO THEY KEEP USING THEM?
ALL THE MOVIE STARS DELIVER THEIR MOST MOVING PERFORMANCES WHEN THEY'RE HIGH. AUTHORS WRITE FAMOUS BOOKS ON ACID. AND COKED-UP ROCK STARS WRITE FAMOUS SONGS THAT MAKE PEOPLE CRY
ISN'T THAT AMAZING?
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT GONNA DIE. I USE DRUGS THE *RIGHT* WAY.


Aha ha ha! You got that right!
Aha ha ha!
SEE! DRUGS BLEW ALL MY WORRIES AWAY.
YEAH.
I CAN USE IT FOR MORE THAN JUST STUDYING DIETING AND STOPPING MY PAIN
S HAS SO MUCH MORE POWER THAN THAT
I FEEL LIKE IT'S SET ME FREE FROM EVERYTHING
EVERYTHING AROUND ME IS SHINING

I FEEL LIKE I CAN FLY!
THEN WHEN I TRIED TO SMOKE IT, ALL IT DID WAS TURN INTO A BUNCH OF PITCH-BLACK ASH. AND GOD, THE SMELL.
HEY, LET'S GET IT STRAIGHT FROM A DEALER! I HEARD THAT THERE'S THIS GUY DOWNTOWN WITH A LONG BEARD WHO'S SELLING SOME QUALITY STUFF
Let's go see him!
THE STUFF SHIGE SOLD ME BACK THEN WAS CRAP.
I DON'T BUY FROM THAT BITCH ANYMORE.
Sure.
OH! IS THAT HIM?

HE'S PROBABLY DISGUISING HIMSELF SO HE WON'T LOOK DANGEROUS.
WHAAAT? ARE YOU SURE THAT'S HIM? I THOUGHT HE HAD A BEARD!
OVER THERE! THE GUY SHUFFLING PHONE CARDS
Hmph!
HUH?
I GUESS HE'S REALLY JUST A FAKE PHONE CARD DEALER.
UMM, DO YOU HAVE ANY S?
CAN HE UNDERSTAND ENGLISH?
I DON'T HAVE ANY ON ME.
CALL THIS NUMBER!
0901-XX
RRRRRR
WHERE ARE YOU NOW?
THEN GO TO THE FRONT OF A-MART.
HUH? I'M IN MIDTOWN.
HUH?

GO TO THE SIDE.
HUH? AGAIN?
RING
WHO?
PARK
ARE THEY JUST FUCKING WITH US?
IT'S HIM!
200 BUCKS.
S..SURE.
HEY, LET'S SPLIT IT 50/50.
I can't find it
In HERE? Is he serious?
Whaaat? You mean we were tricked?
HUH?
IT'S IN THE TRASHCAN
LATER.
HEY!

THIS IS IT!
DUCT TAPE
AYA!
THERE'S SOMETHING STUCK HERE.
Let's go buy some for everyone! How much money do you have on you, Kyo?
He put it in a straw wrapper
That's way too expensive. Make it $100.
IN A PUBLIC BATHROOM.
IN THE GROUND...
IN A RENTAL VIDEO STORE...
THEY HID IT ALL OVER THE PLACE.
ABOVE THE VENDING MACHINE.
We need to dig here. Woof! I'm a doggie!
IT WAS JUST LIKE A TREASURE HUNT
GAME KING
OPE

BEEP BEEP
SHUT THAT THING UP! WHOSE PHONE IS THAT?
HUH? OH THEN I'LL JUST BE RIGHT BACK
COME ON AYA LET'S HURRY UP AND GET HIGH
THIS STUFF'S THE BEST!
THEN WHAT'VE WE BEEN SMOKIN ALL THIS TIME? WEAK SHIT?
SHIGE'S NOT HERE TODAY?
IS HE OFF GETTING HIGH ON HIS OWN AGAIN?
HEY, YOU REMEMBER THAT TIME HE DID TOO MUCH S AND
..TRIED TO NAB THAT FRICKIN' HUGE TV FROM THE ELECTRONICS STORE? THE OWNER CAUGHT HIS SORRY ASS, THOUGH.
Ha ha ha!
KYO, WHERE ARE YOU?
HURRY UP AND COME HOME!
MOM PROBABLY NEVER EVEN DREAMED THAT HER OWN KID WOULD BE DOING DRUGS.
I'VE STEPPED INTO FORBIDDEN TERRITORY FOR SOME REASON. IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M BETTER THAN THEM.
THIS IS A WORLD MY PARENTS DON'T EVEN HAVE A CLUE ABOUT.
WOW, KYO, YOU'RE REALLY STARTIN' TO GET THE HANG OF THAT
LOOKIN' GOOD
HA!
HE STABBED SOMEONE!
THE THE COPS HAVE GOT SHISE.
Huff huff!
BAD NEWS, GUYS!

EVERYONE, RUN FOR IT!
YOU GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE! RUN FOR IT!
HUH?
ELECTRONIC STORE
Look at the news!
Eh? Somethin' happen?
Look at all the cops over there!
Oh no! That's right by here!
NEWS 7
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED: XXXXXX (14)
SLIGHTLY WOUNDED: XXXXXX (38)
THE BOY APPEARED TO BE HIGH ON A STIMULANT...
...A YOUNG BOY WHO WAS CARRYING A KNIFE SUDDENLY..
AT 6:00 TODAY..
THUMP THUMP
Huff huff
..WON'T MY NAME COME UP AS WELL?
AM I GOING TO BE ARRESTED?
WHAT'LL I DO?
ISN'T IT ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE AYA AND THE OTHERS GET CAUGHT, TOO?
GASP!

KYO?!
SO IT WAS ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS!
WHAT DID I TELL YOU?
PLEASE.. TURN OFF THE TV
DO YOU HAVE ANY DRUGS HIDDEN IN YOUR ROOM?
NO. AND I DON'T WALK AROUND WITH THEM EITHER. I DON'T HAVE ANY ON ME NOW.
THEN I THINK YOU'LL BE OKAY...AS LONG AS THEY DON'T CATCH YOU WITH ANY ON YOU, AND YOU LET THE DRUGS WORK THEMSELVES OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM...
I MEAN, YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING...
.. ..
THE POLICE ARE PROBABLY ALREADY AT MY HOUSE. WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
ガタ ガタ
.....
THIS IS EXACTLY WHY YOU SHOULD STOP USING DRUGS! ALL RIGHT, KYO?
Y... YEAH.
DIDN'T YOU REALIZE WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE YOU WERE GETTING INTO?

HUH?
WHY ARE YOU AFRAID OF GETTING ARRESTED...
...WHEN YOU SHOULD BE EVEN MORE AFRAID OF DESTROYING YOUR OWN BODY?!
I...I DON'T WANT TO GO TO JUVIE HALL. EVER!
IS THAT ALL YOU'RE AFRAID OF? THE POLICE?
EIJI...
TAKE A GOOD LOOK
YOU GUYS, TOO..
THESE KINDS OF THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR AGES BECAUSE OF DRUGS!
PEOPLE GET KILLED!
YOU SAID THAT DRUGS DON'T HURT YOUR BODY, BUT THIS IS THE REALITY.
IF YOU KEEP DOING DRUGS, SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL BE THE ONE ON THE TV NEWS.
THE BOY WAS SCREAMING AND FLAILING AROUND WITH THE KNIFE IN HIS HANDS.
HE LOST ALL SENSE OF REALITY.

THIS IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU SOON IF YOU DON'T STOP.
YOU SHOULDN'T SEE AYA ANYMORE.
PROMISE ME YOU WON'T EVER TOUCH DRUGS AGAIN. ALL RIGHT, KYO?
OKAY
BYE! SEE YOU TOMORROW.
ALWAYS KEEP YOUR CELL PHONE ON, OKAY?
YEAH.

... ..
WHAT'S WRONG, EIJI?
BUT I THINK IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT NOW. SHE PROMISED SHE'D STOP.
WE SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON KYO SO SHE DOESN'T GET TOO CLOSE TO AYA
OKAY
KYO!
COLLEGE ENTR
KNOCK KNOCK
KYO ..
KNOCK KNOCK
... .
COLLEGE
YESTERDAY, AND NOW TODAY .. WHAT IN THE WORLD HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?
THE TUTOR'S BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?
I KNOW, I KNOW. I'LL DO YESTERDAY'S HOMEWORK AND TODAY'S.
KYO!
THE POLICE DIDN T COME

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH FOR TODAY. GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP.
I'M SORRY I WAS TOO HARD ON YOU BEFORE.
TAP
TAP
.....
MOM WAS THE ONE WHO TOOK MOST OF THE BLAME FROM DAD, NOT ME...
MOM IS ON MY SIDE.

I borrowed it from my mom
Hazuki you little sneak!
LOOKS LIKE THE POLICE DIDN'T GO TO AYA'S HOUSE EITHER.
YEAH SO ANYWAY I WENT TO THE STORE AND TOTALLY FORGOT I STILL HAD MY SWIM STRIP ON!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS START YOUR STORIES WITH "SO ANYWAY"?
Ha ha
EHE SO ANY-WAY
Hurry or we'll miss class.
I WAS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT IT, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE ANY WITHDRAWLS.
THE DAYS WENT BY AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.
It is no easy matter to learn arithmetic or plane geometry to a problem length and ... become ... Simply to ... Supposed to be
HEY! YOU'RE LOSING FOCUS!
EEW, IS HE TRYING TO FEEL MY BRA STRAP?

BUT LOOK AT HER UNIFORM.
ISN'T THAT MAEDA'S DAUGHTER?
SOMEONE FROM DAD'S SCHOOL.
DAD
KYOKO
TAKE CARE.
MUST'VE BEEN MY IMAGINATION...
DON'T COME HERE IN THAT UNIFORM

HEY, FOCUS!
COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS
ADVANCED ENGLISH
HE'LL NEVER FORGIVE ME FOR NOT GETTING INTO THE SCHOOL HE WANTED ME TO
DAD STILL HASN'T TOLD PEOPLE WHICH HIGH SCHOOL I'M GOING TO
AH..
LOOKS LIKE YOUR MOM'S NOT HOME TONIGHT.
OOPS..
I'LL CLEAN IT UP.
THIS GUY GIVES ME THE CREEPS AND IT'S NOT MY IMAGINATION.

AW, COME ON, IT'S OKAY!
ALL THE OTHER GIRLS I TAUGHT LET ME.
NO!
STOP IT!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE A VIRGIN!
ONLY 30% OF THE GIRLS IN HIGH SCHOOL ARE VIRGINS.
MOM!
I'M HOME.
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY.
WE'LL PICK UP THERE TOMOR-ROW.
GOODBYE.
MY, LOOK AT THE TIME...
TH. THANK YOU!

..PUSHED ME DOWN..
BUT... HE...
I CAN'T STUDY WITH A TEACHER LIKE THAT.
HUH?
WHY DON'T YOU WANT THE TUTOR TO COME ANYMORE?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
MOM, I..
IT'S TRUE!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS HURRY UP AND GET READY FOR TOMORROW.
BUT
YOU'LL NEVER GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY WITHOUT THAT TUTOR! GOT IT?
YOU'VE GOT TO TRY HARDER!
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THIS BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO STUDY!
WHY?
I DON'T WANT TO GO TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY!
DON'T YOU TALK BACK TO ME!

. . . .
AND DON'T TELL YOUR FATHER ABOUT THIS, OKAY?
MOM...
YOU'LL BE FINE WITH THAT TUTOR, BECAUSE NOTHING HAPPENED.
PLEASE, KYO, LISTEN TO WHAT I'M SAYING PLEASE!
HE'LL BE LEAVING THE HOSPITAL SOON, SO...
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
KYO!
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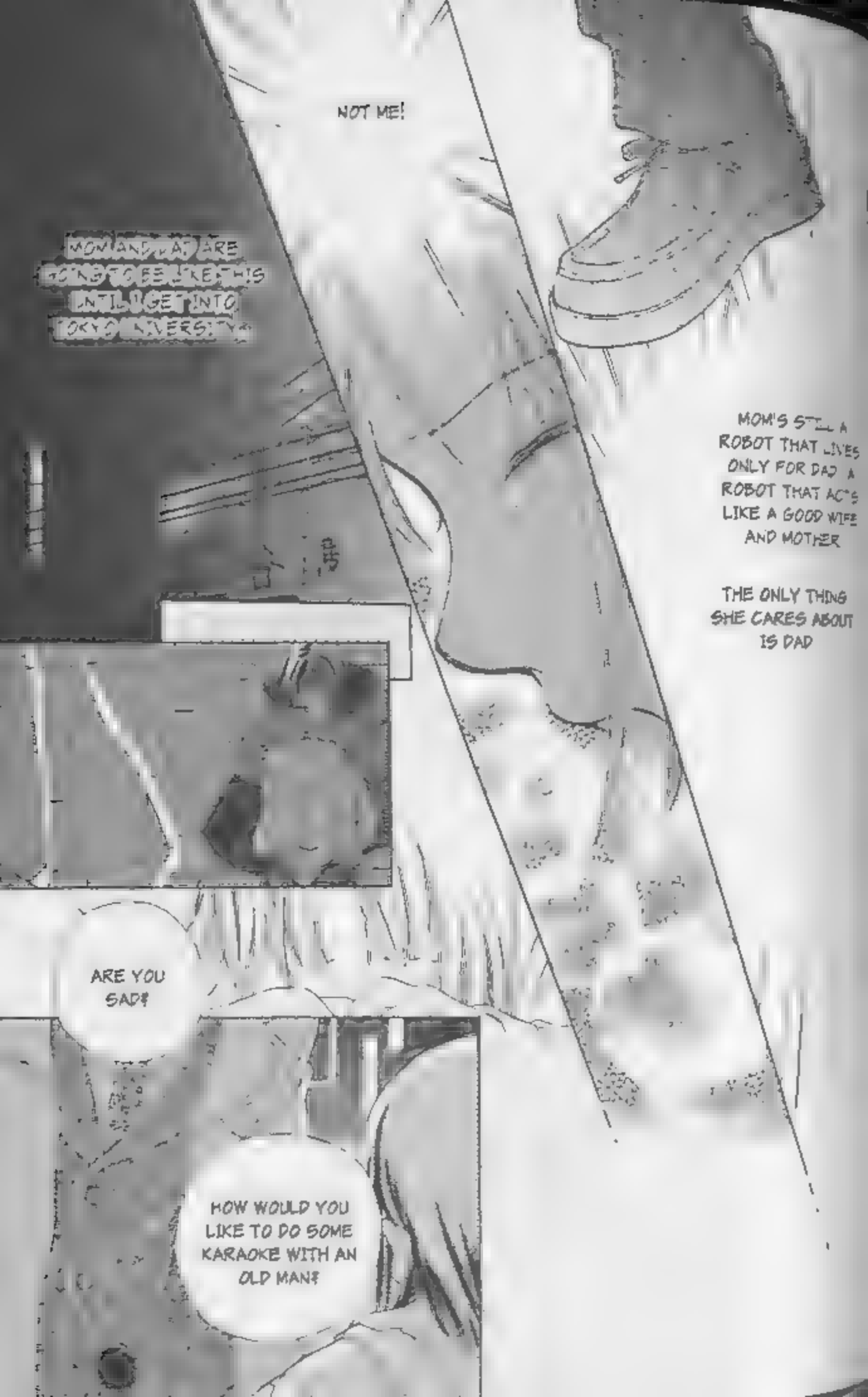
NOT ME!
MOM AND DAD ARE GONNA BE LIKE THIS UNTIL I GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
MOM'S STILL A ROBOT THAT LIVES ONLY FOR DAD. A ROBOT THAT ACTS LIKE A GOOD WIFE AND MOTHER
THE ONLY THING SHE CARES ABOUT IS DAD
ARE YOU SAD?
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO SOME KARAOKE WITH AN OLD MAN?

THERE'S A KARAOKE BOX RIGHT OVER THERE.
OH..UM, I'M NOT TRYING TO GET YOU TO SELL YOURSELF OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT. NO WAY.
TRUST ME.
KARAOKE
HE PROBABLY HAS SOMETHING MORE IN MIND THAN JUST KARAOKE...
.....
Aaaah, don't blame me!
I WAS SCARED JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO.
WHAT AM I DOING?
Okay, you try it now!
NO WAY!
Huh? Um..
GIVE ME A CALL WHENEVER YOU FEEL LIKE IT.
THANK YOU! I HAD A GREAT TIME THANKS TO YOU!
HERE'S SOMETHING FOR YOUR TROUBLES.
10000
KARAOKE PARTNER
KAZUO TANAKA
XXX XXXX
090-XXXX XXXX

IT'S THE DEALER FROM BEFORE.
HELLO. HOW ARE YOU? MY FRIEND..
WANT TO BUY SOME S?
"PROMISE ME YOU WON'T EVER TOUCH DRUGS AGAIN ALL RIGHT, KYO?"
MAYBE I'LL GO BUY SOME NEW CLOTHES
WHAT S- O- I DO WIT- THE MON-?
I ALSO HAVE SOME L TONIGHT.
JUST IN TIME.
OH! LSD. HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF IT? IT'S THE BEST. THE BEST!
L?
IT'S PSYCHEDELIC.
IT'S MUCH, MUCH BETTER THAN S.
HUH?
I WON'T HAVE ANY LEFT TOMORROW
I CAN'T! I'M GOING TO BUY CLOTHES!
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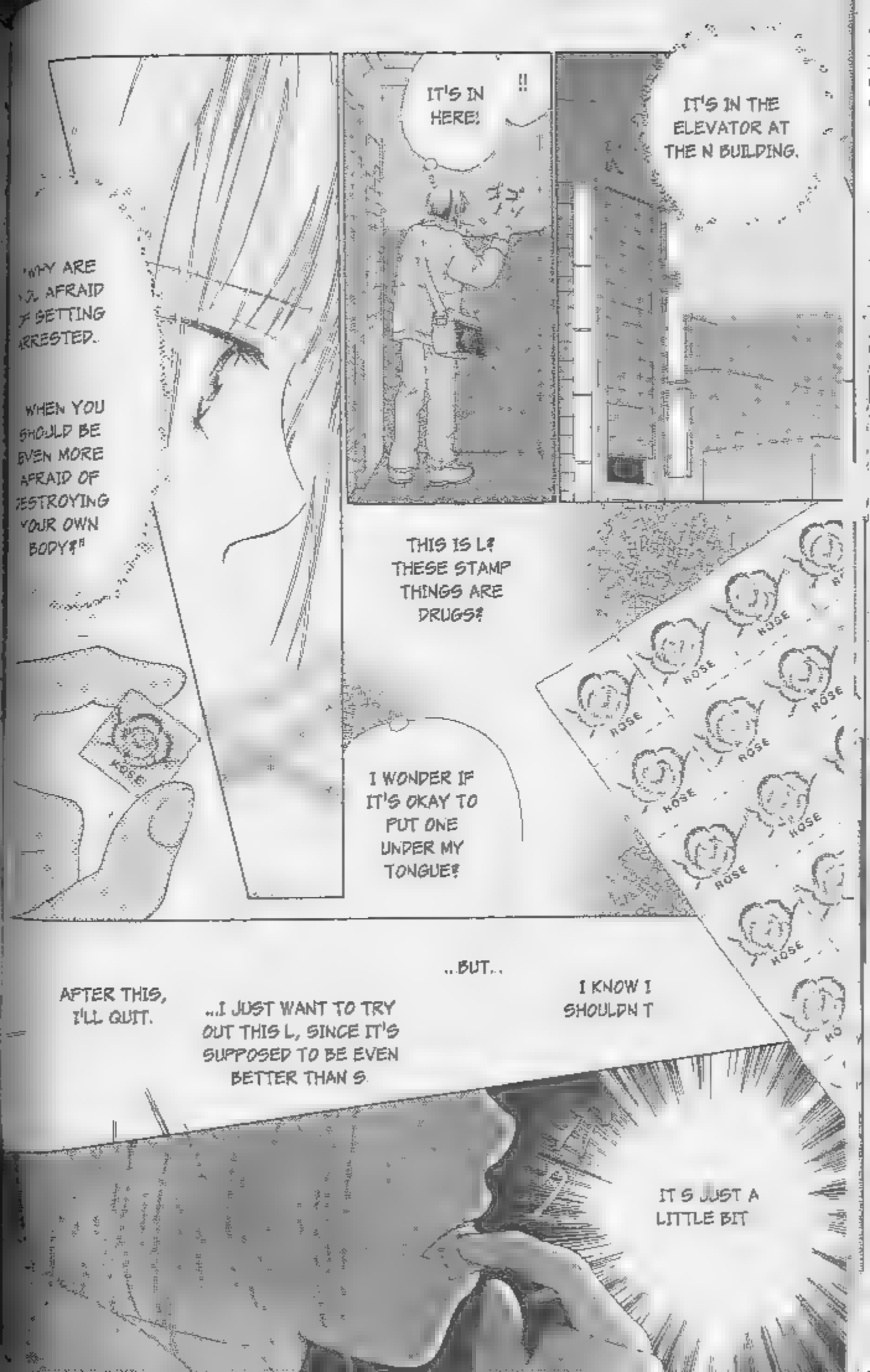
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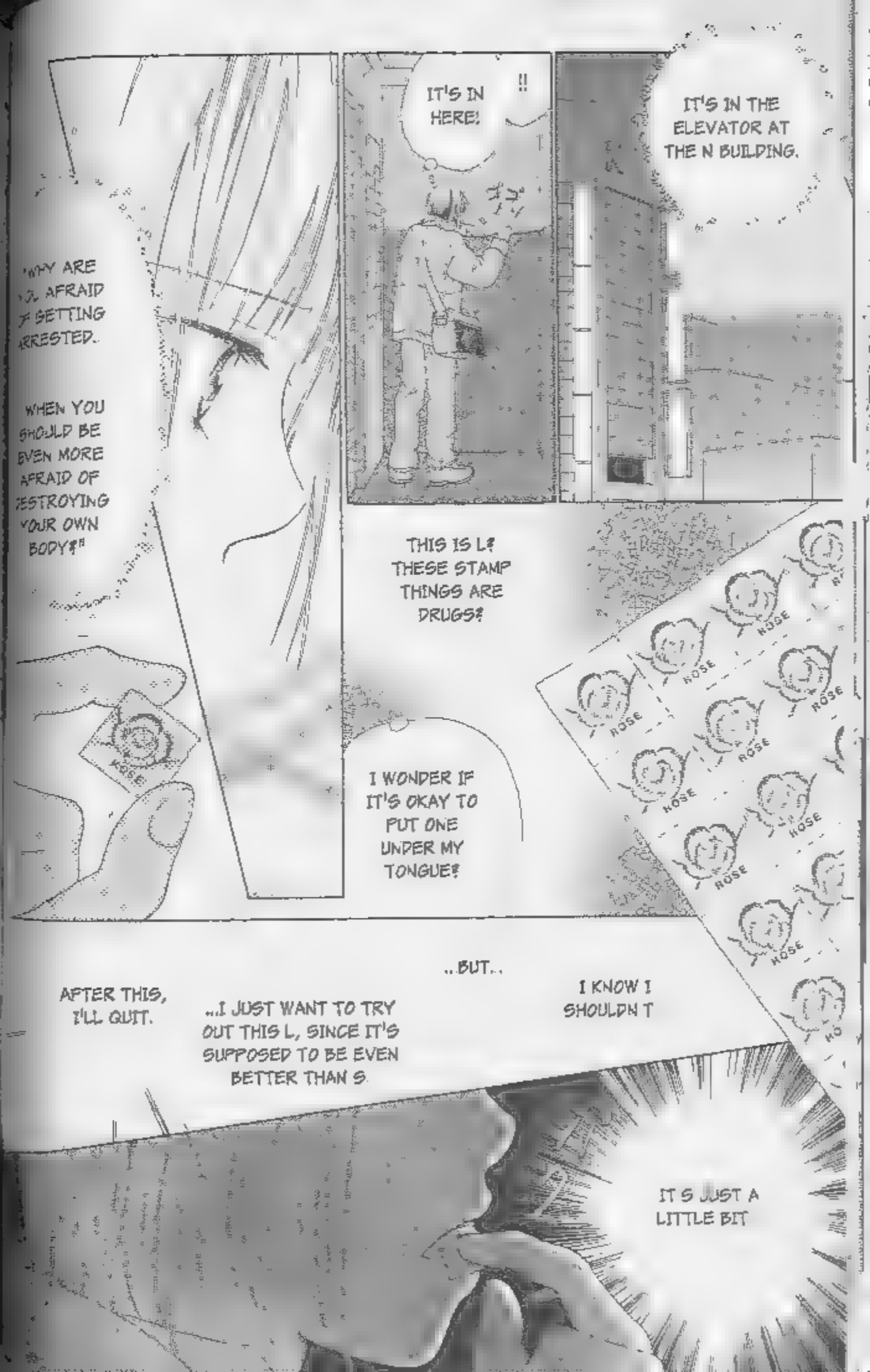
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!?
EIJI?
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE WALKING, IDIOT!
YOU WANNA KILL YOURSELF?
HUH?
K-AT'S GOING ON? . SAW SOME CARS, JT I THOUGHT THEY RE FARTHER AWAY
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WHAAA?
AM I STILL TRIPPING?
IT'S BEEN 2 HOURS SINCE THEN
!!

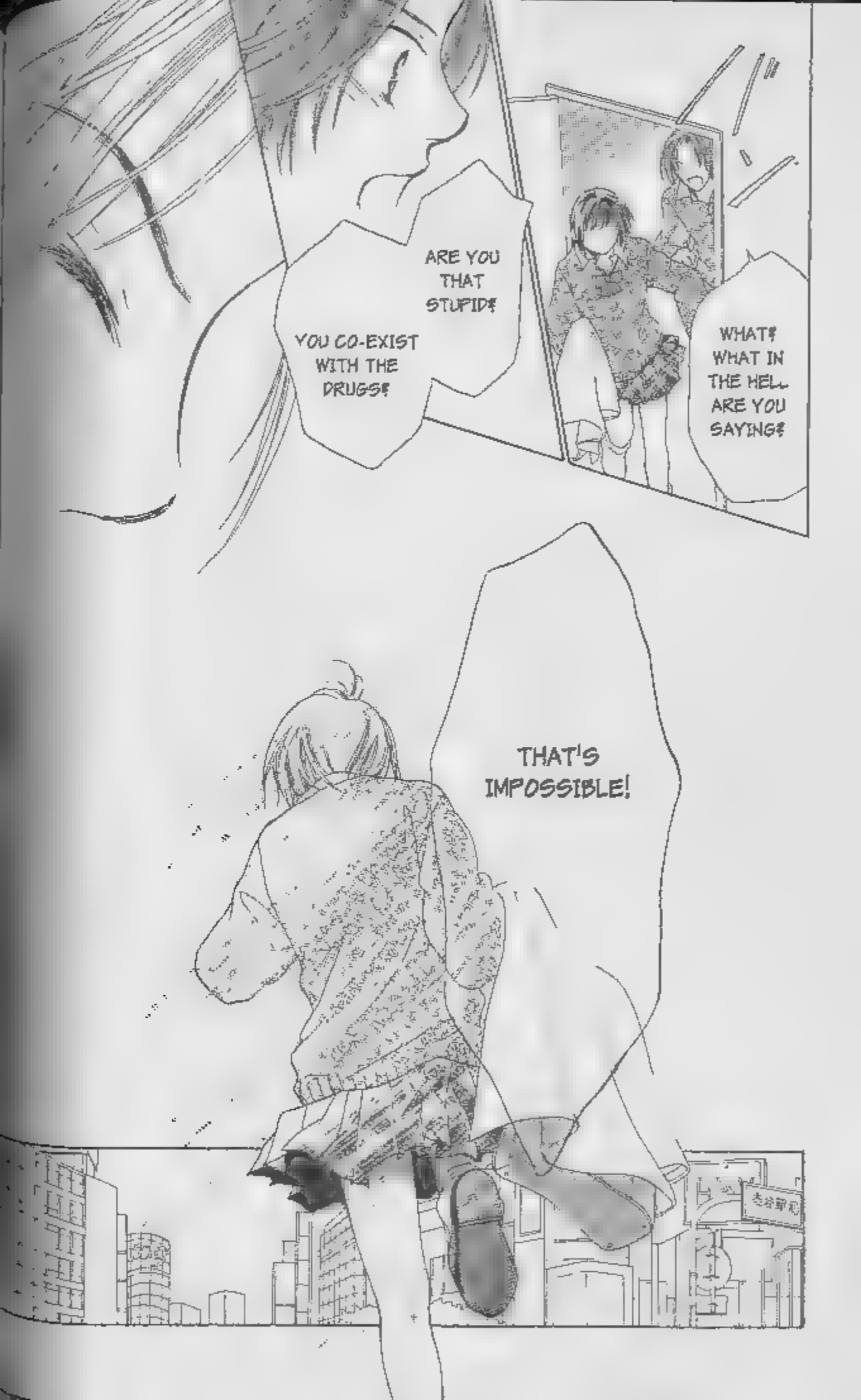
LISTEN, KYO!
WHY DID- YOU QUIT
I'M FINE. I CAN DO IT MYSELF!
I THOUGHT KIDS ONLY DID DRUGS IN THE MOVIES.
ACTUALLY, I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN DRUGS. AND I CERTAINLY NEVER THOUGHT I'D ACTUALLY KNOW SOMEONE WHO WAS INTO THEM.
EVER THOUGHT ABOUT TRYING THEM?
...
SURE.
IF I COULD BE SURE THAT DOING DRUGS WOULD MAKE ME FEEL GOOD AND HELP ME STAY UP ALL NIGHT ..
...THEN IF SOMEONE OFFERED ME SOME, I'D HONESTLY THINK ABOUT TAKING THEM. JUST ONCE, YOU KNOW ..

IT'S FUNNY HEARING YOU TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE AND YOUR PARENTS.
I'M NOT THAT KIND OF PERSON.
...WHEN I THINK ABOUT MY FUTURE, MY FAMILY, THE PEOPLE I LOVE...
BUT...
I JUST CAN'T DO IT.
HA!
SO YOU HAVE A LOT OF HOPES AND DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE, HUH? MUST BE NICE.
BUT DRUGS NEVER LET ME DOWN
MY PARENTS AND SOCIETY IN GENERAL JUST STAB ME IN THE BACK. THEY ONLY TORTURE ME AND NEVER LET ME ENJOY MYSELF.
DRUGS ARE JUST LIKE ANGELS.
THEY HELP ME GET THE TOP SCORES ON THE TESTS YOU KNOW THAT.
THEY HELP ME LOSE WEIGHT.

IDIOT!
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU.
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME!
COME ON KYO PLEASE
BEFORE YOU REACH THE POINT OF NO RETURN...
OF COURSE!
YOU SAY YOU LIKED ME, BUT YOU HAD A CRUEL WAY OF SHOWING IT.
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU LIKED ME WHEN I WAS FAT AND STUPID.
HA HA
THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE I GOT SKINNY
SUDDENLY, YOU WERE NICE TO ME. BUT WHEN I WAS FAT, ALL YOU DID WAS MAKE FUN OF ME.
HUH?
KYO!
AH, I ALMOST FORGOT .
JUST LIKE DAD ONLY LOVED ME WHEN I WAS GETTING GOOD GRADES...
PEOPLE ONLY LOVE YOU IF YOU MEET CERTAIN "CONDITIONS!"
THERE'S NO WAY!

SEX.
YOU WANT TO DO IT WITH ME, RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN NICE TO ME.
WHA..?
ALL RIGHT THEN.
BUT IN EXCHANGE...
...GIVE ME MONEY.
MONEY TO BUY DRUGS.

.....
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME!
HAVE THOSE DRUGS ALREADY GONE TO YOUR HEAD!
I'M MY OWN PERSON NOW.
I'M NOT GETTING SWALLOWED UP BY DRUGS.
I JUST DO WHAT I WANT TO DO.
I CO-EXIST WITH THE DRUGS. SIDE BY SIDE, ONE AND THE SAME.


ARE YOU THAT STUPID?
YOU CO-EXIST WITH THE DRUGS?
WHAT? WHAT IN THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

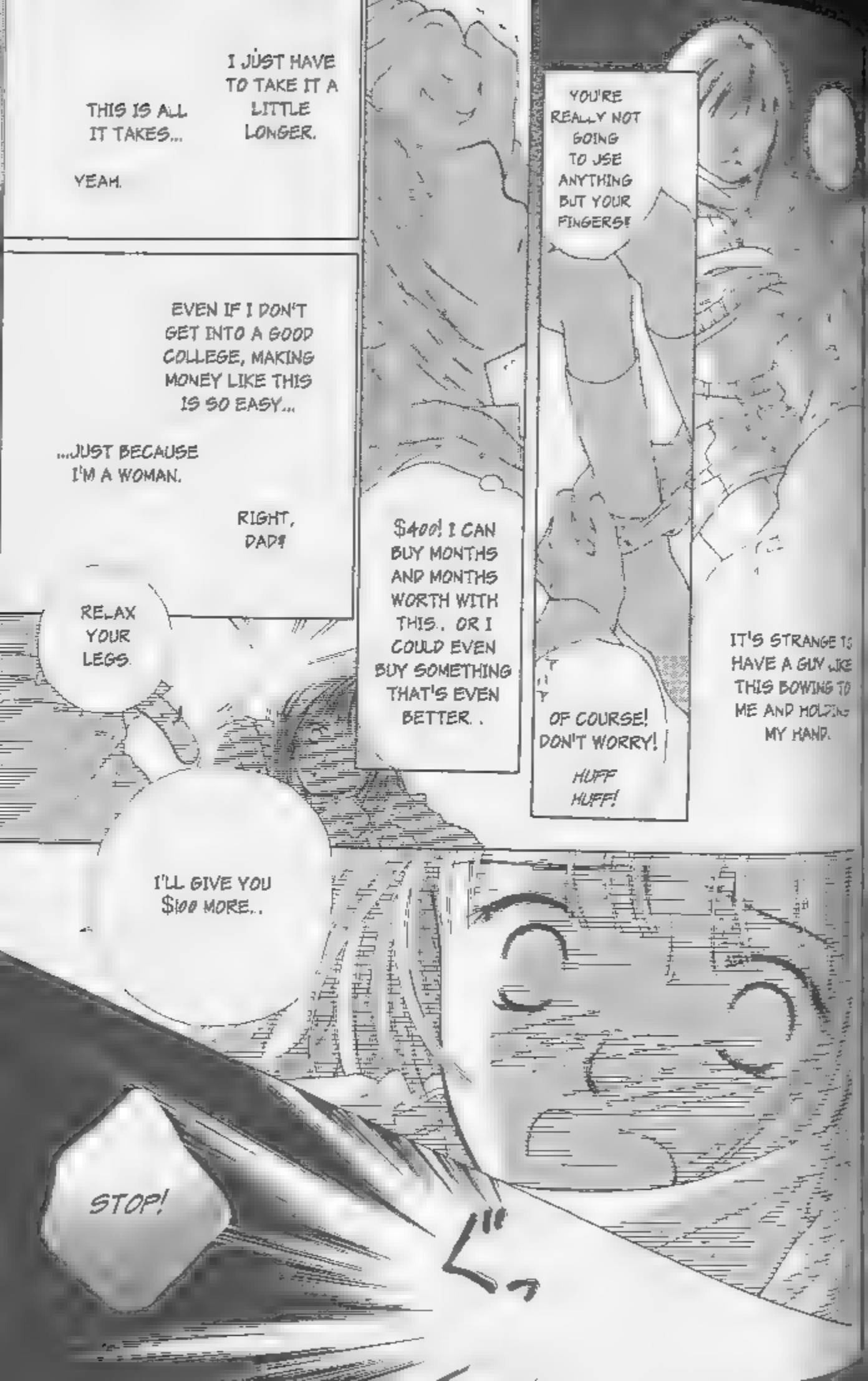
THERE IT-IS!
MOM'S WALLET...
パタン
KYO!
YOU'RE STILL IN HERE!
YOU SHOULD GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM TO STUDY...
ビクッ!!

ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT ALL DAY.
..IS HOW TO GET MONEY FOR DRUGS.
RRRRR RRRRR
YES? MAEDA SPEAKING
OH, HONEY!
Sigh!
PLEASE JUST DO WHAT I SAY UNTIL YOUR FATHER GETS HOME
ALL RIGHT? IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD..
...SO YOU CAN GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY
JUST A LITTLE LONGER.
Y.. YEAH. KYO'S BEEN SITTING AT HER DESK ALL DAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD BE SITTING UP?
KYO!
KYO, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SO BAD
MIDTOWN
I'VE WANTED S SO BAD, ALL DAY LONG.

REALLY? HOW MUCH?
I HAVE SOME STUFF THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD.
THIS ISN'T ENOUGH TO BUY ME ANYTHING.
KARAOKE PARTNER
KAZUO TANAKA
KARAOKE THIS BUILDING 2ND, 3RD, 4TH FLOORS
GETTING PAID FOR DATES IS SO OUT OF STYLE NOWADAYS, BUT OH WELL...
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! YOU'VE MADE THIS OLD MAN HAPPY!
I CAN MAKE $200 JUST BY SINGING KARAOKE WITH THIS OLD PERVERT!
Come closer!
Aaaaah!

I GUESS I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE
IT'S 200 BUCKS.
AAAH, I WANT TO FEEL YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
You dirty old man!
PLEASE, JUST A LITTLE...
I'LL GIVE YOU $100 MORE.
I JUST WANT TO FEEL YOUR CHEST A LITTLE, OKAY?
BUT...
...I CAN BUY BOTH S AND L WITH...$300
IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?
I ONLY WANT TO TOUCH.
I ONLY WANT TO TOUCH OKAY?
YOU'RE REALLY NOT GOING TO TOUCH ANYTHING BUT MY CHEST?
YEAH, I PROMISE.

YOU'RE SO CUTE!
HUFF HUFF!
HERE, SIT ON YOUR UNCLE'S KNEE.
Daddy!
GO PLAY OVER THERE.
H, HEY!
I JUST WANT TO PUT MY FINGERS IN. I'LL GIVE YOU $100 MORE.
PLEASE!
I'M BEGGING YOU!
THIS GUY'S ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS MY DAD HE LOOKS LIKE THE CEO OF A COMPANY OR SOMETHING...
STRANGE...I DON'T REMEMBER MY DAD EVER HUGGING ME.
BUT I'M DOING STUFF LIKE THIS WITH A GUY I DON'T EVEN KNOW...


I JUST HAVE TO TAKE IT A LITTLE LONGER.
THIS IS ALL IT TAKES...
YEAH.
EVEN IF I DON'T GET INTO A GOOD COLLEGE, MAKING MONEY LIKE THIS IS SO EASY...
...JUST BECAUSE I'M A WOMAN.
RIGHT, DAD?
YOU'RE REALLY NOT GOING TO USE ANYTHING BUT YOUR FINGERS!
$400! I CAN BUY MONTHS AND MONTHS WORTH WITH THIS.. OR I COULD EVEN BUY SOMETHING THAT'S EVEN BETTER..
OF COURSE! DON'T WORRY!
HUFF HUFF!
IT'S STRANGE TO HAVE A GUY LIKE THIS BOWING TO ME AND HOLDING MY HAND.
RELAX YOUR LEGS.
I'LL GIVE YOU $100 MORE..
STOP!

DOES IT STILL HURT? I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME.
I'm really sorry!
GOT WHAT WANTED
I GOTTA GO BUY LOTS OF S. LOTS OF L..
SEE.
...IT MAKES MY PAIN GO RIGHT AWAY...
EVEN THE PAIN IN MY HEART
I TOOK THE DRUGS TO MAKE THE PAIN GO AWAY, BEFORE I COULD REALLY FEEL IT.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
WHERE AM I?
HUH?
IS SHE DRUNK?
I THINK SHE'S DEAD
SHE MOVED!
.....
NO WAY! MY WALLET'S GONE! AND THE DRUGS, TOO!
...
UGH! I'M FILTHY!
WHERE'S MY COAT?
UUUUUUUU UUUGH.
AAAAAAA AAAAGH.
WHAT AM I GONNA DO?
THIS HAS TO BE A JOKE!
UGH! BLEEEECCH!
I WONDER IF I DID TOO MUCH OF THE DRUGS.
I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD
I'M COLD! I'M COLD! IT HURTS!

Hey mister!
AYA...
YOU'RE AWAKE, KYO!
?!
WHO'S HE?
HE SAW YOU COLLAPSE IN THE PARK AND HELPED YOU OUT.
THIS IS HIS APARTMENT.
WHEN I HIT REDIAL ON YOUR CELL PHONE, IT DIALED AYA.
AND SHE CAME TO GET YOU.
OOPS, LOOK AT THE TIME!
I HAVE TO GO OUT NOW. BE CAREFUL NOT TO USE TOO MANY DRUGS, OKAY?
If you leave put the key in the mailbox
Sure thing! See ya!
Hee hee hee! Take a look at this!
YOU GOT RESCUED BY A NICE GUY
...

Ha ha!
THE DUDE'S GAY
RELAX!
EEEEH! NO WAY! WE CAN HAVE ALL OF THIS FOR FREE! AND WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING DIRTY!
THAT LONELY JUNKIE PROBABLY COULDN'T RESIST HELPING OUT A GIRL WHO'S RUN AWAY FROM HOME.
MAYBE HE FELT SOME SORT OF KINDRED SPIRIT!
AND WE CAN COME AND GO WHENEVER WE WANT!
LOOK! THERE'S LOTS OF S AND L IN HERE AND SOME STUFF I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN BEFORE.
LOOKS LIKE THE DUDE'S INTO DR TOO. HE SAYS WE CAN USE AS MUCH OF THIS AS WE WANT.
HEY, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT DRUG COCKTAILS?
THE OLD GUY TOLD ME ABOUT 'EM.
IF YOU MIX THIS AND S, IT'S EVEN STRONGER!
SHE HAS TO WANT TO QUIT ON HER OWN. SHE HAS TO ASK FOR HELP..
. OR ELSE SHE'LL NEVER GET BETTER.
SHE SAID SHE CAN GET DRUGS FOR FREE THERE.
SHE'S BEEN HANGING AROUND THAT APARTMENT A LOT
IS THIS ALL WE CAN DO? JUST SIT AND WATCH WHILE SHE RUINS HER LIFE?
I WONDER IF SHE'S ALREADY TOO FAR GONE

BEEP
MOM'S NOT REALLY WORRIED ABOUT ME.
SHE'S ONLY WORRIED ABOUT HERSELF.
BECAUSE SHE'S SCARED TO TELL DAD THE TRUTH...
KYO, WHERE ARE YOU? PLEASE, COME HOME.
PLEASE! AND PLEASE GO TO SCHOOL.
YOUR FATHER'S GOING TO BE COMING HOME SOON.
YOU'RE NOT HAVING FUN DOING DRUGS EVERY DAY?
I AM SO BORED!
WHERE'S AYA? I HAVEN'T SEEN HER AROUND.
I can't get ... on her cell ... either ... she tell you anything?
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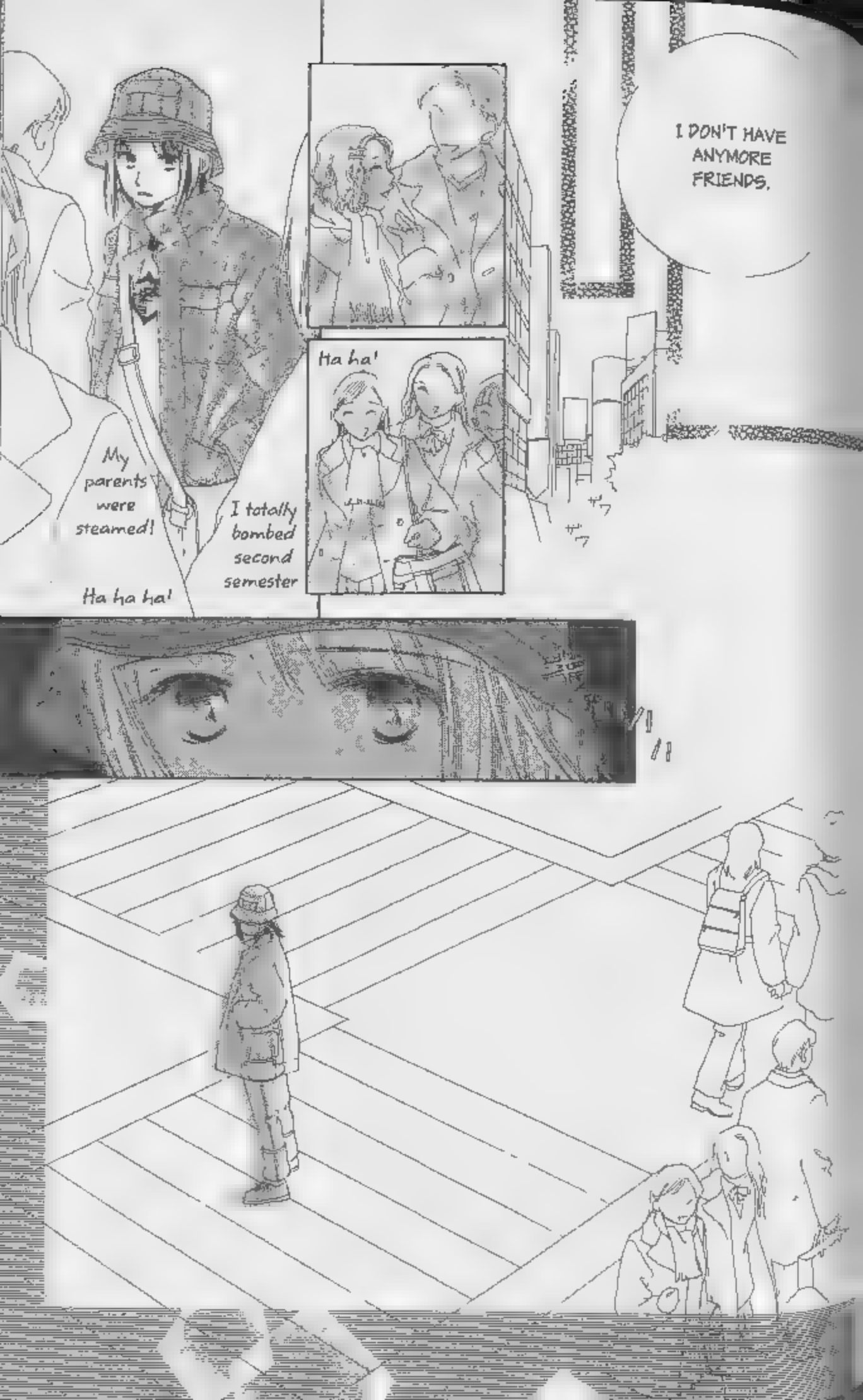
NOT REALLY
HOW ABOUT YOU MAKE MORE FRIENDS, KYO?
LATELY, I'M DOING MORE AND MORE.
ONCE THE DRUGS WEAR OFF, I FEEL SO DULL AND BORING...
...SO I DO SOME MORE.
...JUST TO GET THE SAME EFFECT.


I DON'T HAVE ANYMORE FRIENDS.
Ha ha!
My parents were steamed!
I totally bombed second semester
Ha ha ha!

AYA!
EROTIC MASSAGE
AMI
MISA
EROTIC MASSAGE
IT COULDN'T BE
SHE WOULDN'T BE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS
Should I take her to your apartment?
You look pooped
HOP INSIDE NOW
AYA!

AND YOU AIN'T GONNA GET ENOUGH CUSTOMERS ALL BURNT OUT ON UPPERS LIKE THIS.
LIVEN UP, LIVEN UP!
HOW ABOUT WORKING AT ANOTHER HOUSE?
15, 14, 15...HMMM. YOU WORKED FOR 10 DAYS AND THIS IS ALL YOU GOT?
I GUESS BECAUSE THAT PLACE PAYS YOU ON COMMISSION...
YOU LITTLE BRAT!
YAAAUUGH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HUUUH? LAY OFF ME, GUYS!
How about trying some S&M?
TRY JUST A LITTLE HARDER, AYA.
Move it!
HEY YAMA, THAT'S ENOUGH!
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST TRY TO RETURN THE FAVOR!
WE'VE BEEN GIVIN' YOU THOSE UPPERS FOR FREE!
Aaaugh!
OR MAYBE, YOU WANT SOME OF THIS?
DO YOU WANT TO GO HOME?
AYA.

Aahh Aaah
...
YOU WANT THIS? SURE LOOKS LIKE IT
WELL, THEN.
HUFF HUFF!
I GOTCHA, I GOTCHA, MISTER...
YAAAJGH!
!!
HEY! HOLD IT!
MY CELL PHONE!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
I REALLY HATE TO BE SO ROUGH, BUT YOU LEFT ME NO CHOICE.
HAJIKI, RUMI, EIJI..LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS.

NO!
WHAT'S WRONG? THIS STUFF'S TOP QUALITY DON'T BE SCARED.
YOU WANT SOME TOO?
RRR RRR
MMPF! MMPF!
AYA, NO!
ONCE YOU GET A TASTE OF WHAT THIS STUFF CAN DO, THERE'S NO TURNIN' BACK.
HEE HEE HEE!
NOOOOOOOO!

I'll go in by myself
Maybe we should try the doorbell?
Huff huff!
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THIS IS IT
KYO SAID SHE WANTS TO GO HOME AND SHE WANTS TO GET OFF THE DRUGS.
BUT SHE'S NOT FEELING SO WELL.
SO SHE ASKED ME TO ASK YOU IF YOU'D COME AND GET HER. IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US HERE RIGHT NOW.
MAUGH!
Shut up! Or I'll kill you!
Aaaugh!
Help!
KYO...
GUYS..
are you okay?
WHAT'S GOING ON!
Well, well, pretty lively here today

Heh!
I had a little talk with that dealer about his 40% margin.
HERE'S THE STUFF YOU WANTED. TOP RATE.
LET'S SEE HOW MUCH WE GOT TODAY.
...THAT OLD GUY IS A MOBSTER!
AND I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T NOTICE THIS BEFORE, BUT...
THESE ARE THE GUYS MAKING THE DEALER ON THE STREET SELL DRUGS.
And these aren't runaways, they're regular girls!
OH WELL. AT LEAST THAT MAKES 'EM EASY PREY FOR US.
KIDS TODAY ARE NUTS. THEY'LL PAY WITH THEIR BODIES JUST TO GET DRUGS THAT'LL MAKE 'EM THIN AN' SHIT LIKE THAT. MAYBE THEY PICKED THAT UP FROM OVERSEAS.
WHEN WE WERE KIDS, THE WORST WE DID WAS PLAY AROUND WITH SNIFFIN' PAINT THINNER. BUT KIDS NOWADAYS ARE TAKIN' STIMULANTS RIGHT FROM THE START.
BUT BRO, IT'S A TERRIBLE WORLD OUT THERE, Y'KNOW?
OH NO. I DON'T HAVE ANY STRENGTH LEFT THAT DRUG THEY PUT IN ME WASN'T S...IT WAS PROBABLY SOMETHING MORE DANGEROUS...
DON'T HURT RUMI AND THE OTHERS.. PLEASE!
S IS A STIMULANT!
DON'T YOU GET IT?
Agh

AYA GOT DRAINED FASTER THAN WE THOUGHT.
LET'S SEE
HOW SHOULD WE MAKE KYO REPAY OUR KINDNESS?
HOW ABOUT YOU WORK AT "SLIPPERY SEVEN" IN FRONT OF THE STATION, EH?
WE AND AYA WERE NOTHING BUT PREY FOR THESE MAFIA GUYS..
I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU FOR FREE
YOU SHOULD MAKE SOME MORE FRIENDS AND BRING THEM OVER
THEY TURNED US INTO ADDICTS AND THEN JUST USED US FOR MONEY.
YA GOT IT?
AN' IF YA BURN OUT, FINE, YA CAN JUST JUICE UP WITH SOME DRUGS.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF THING? THINK IT'S DIRTY? EH? BUT PROSTITUTION'S EASY!
FUCK OFF!
Stop it!
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO TEACH THIS SCHOOLGIRL HOW TO MAKE A LIVING.
YOU WANNA FIND OUT WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE AN ADULT?
EEEEH?

LISTEN UP! WE'RE GONNA TEACH YOU THE RIGHT WAY TO MAKE MONEY AND WE'LL SHOW YOU WHAT UPPERS CAN REALLY DO FOR YOU.
YOU SHOULD THANK US!
RUMI...
EIJI...
NO!
HAZUKI...
STOP IT! PLEASE, STOP!
STOP!

!!
WE GOT TROUBLE, BRO!
I HEARD A SCREAM FROM LEFT
Get out of here! Now!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
EEK BRO!
THIS WAY, GUYS!
AYA!
COME ON, RUN!

IDIOT!
THEY WERE ABOUT TO FORCE US TO TAKE DRUGS!
AND THEN KILL US!
AYA
SHE'S NOTHING BUT SKIN AND BONES
IS THIS WHAT YOU MEANT BY CO-EXISTING WITH DRUGS!
IS THIS THE PLEASURE YOU WANTED!
THIS.
AND SHE EVEN..
THIS SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED!

DOK!
THIS IS WHAT THE WORLD YOU STEPPED INTO IS REALLY LIKE.
AAAAAUGH!
WHY.. WHY? BUT...
OPEN YOUR EYES, KYO. THIS IS REALITY.
...SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED
SOB!
SOB!
I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD TURN OUT LIKE THIS.
I DIDN'T HAVE A SINGLE THING THAT PEOPLE WOULD LOVE ME FOR.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF...
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I LOST 15 POUNDS IN 5 DAYS WITH THIS STUFF.
JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO, I NEVER WOULD'VE DREAMED THIS WOULD HAPPEN..
DRUGS BECAME MY WEAPON. I FOUND FREEDOM..
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE DAD HAPPY.
I JUST WANTED TO LOSE WEIGHT.

I THOUGHT DRUGS WOULD MAKE ME STRONG.
DRUGS BLEW ALL OF THAT AWAY.
I COULD'VE BEEN ANYTHING I WANTED TO
THE KIND OF PERSON I PRETENDED TO BE...
SITTING AT MY DESK EVERY DAY.
THE KIND OF PERSON I WANTED TO BE.
ACCEPTANCE TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY. BEING FIRST IN MY CLASS.
I THOUGHT I COULD QUIT AT ANY TIME
I THOUGHT THEY WOULD MAKE ME HAPPY.
KYO..
I THINK THAT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, YOU ALREADY REALIZED...
...DRUGS CAN'T HELP YOU FLY.
THEY ONLY MAKE YOU FALL.
IT'S OKAY! THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE OR WHAT SCHOOL YOU GO TO, RIGHT?
BUT
IT'LL BE FINE..
RELAX, KYO
BUT THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ME RIGHT NOW!
EVEN IF I WANTED TO QUIT DRUGS, THEY'D NEVER LET ME. THEY'D HUNT ME DOWN.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT REAL FREEDOM IS, KYO, YOU NEVER WILL UNTIL YOU QUIT DRUGS.
WAS I JUST FOOLING MYSELF? WAS I JUST RUNNING FROM MY FAMILY... AND FROM REALITY?

IT'S ALL OVER.
IT'S ALL OVER. ALL RIGHT? EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST LIKE IT WAS BEFORE.
BE THE PERSON YOU WERE BEFORE
PLEASE, KYO
HE LIKED ME THAT WAY?
THAT'S RIGHT. I LIKE YOU BETTER THAT WAY
YOU WANT ME TO BE THE FAT, STUPID PERSON I WAS BEFORE?
Sigh
OUT WITH EVERYONE, IKE YOU BEFORE

I THOUGHT..

WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS..

...RIGHT?

DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR OUR HELP

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OFF AND WORRY ON YOUR OWN.

CAN JUST GO BACK AND HANG WITH EVERYONE ELSE NOW!

THAT ALL I HAD LEFT TO LOSE TO DRUGS WAS MY OWN LIFE...

BUT NOW I KNOW I HAVE MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

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I'M FINE.
KYO, YOU LOOK PALE.
AND MY BODY FEELS HEAVY.
I WONDER IF THIS IS WITHDRAWLS?
I'VE BEEN ANXIOUS AND NERVOUS FOR NO REASON.
.....
IF I EVER DO DRUGS AGAIN..
...I'M NOT SURE IF I'D EVER BE ABLE TO QUIT.
WHAT?
ME, A CHEER-LEADER?
A LOT MORE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP AT THE GAMES EVER SINCE WE STARTED CHEERING AT THE SOCCER GAME LAST MONTH.
YOU SHOULD GIVE IT A TRY, KYO!
But it doesn't really suit me!
Ha ha ha! That's great! Ha! ha ha!
-ELLO? AYA?

IN THE END, THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE YOU FROM DRUGS IS YOURSELF
Flowery
HOW PRETTY!
I'll take these!
YEAH.
WELL, LET'S BOTH TRY OUR BEST
WHEN I GET ALL NERVOUS, I TRY TO TRICK MYSELF BY SMOKING.
I'VE TURNED INTO A CHAIN-SMOKER. HA!
YEAH. I FEEL LIKE THE LIVING DEAD OR SOMETHIN
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF DRUGS I'M SERIOUSLY GONNA QUIT
I REALLY THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER.
THOSE MOBSTER GUYS DIDN'T SHOW UP.
BACK THEN...
.. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE HALF OF HOW TERRIFYING DRUGS COULD BE.
I NEVER KNEW .
.THAT I WAS STANDING AT THE GATEWAY TO HELL.

THE TUTOR WHO'S GOING TO START TEACHING YOU TOMORROW IS ONE OF MY OLD STUDENTS.
NO DOUBTS ABOUT THIS ONE!
ALL RIGHT!
Would you like seconds, dear?
.....
N. NOT AT ALL.
ANYTHING CHANGE WHILE I WAS GONE!
MAEDA
EVERYTHING WENT BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS.
BUT THAT DIDN'T MEAN I'D LET THE SAME THINGS HAPPEN AGAIN.
KYOKO, FINISH UP YOUR DINNER AND GO STUDY.
DAD CAME BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL
I WENT BACK TO THE WAY I WAS BEFORE
DAD..
I'M NOT GOING TO PLAY THE "GOOD GIRL."
I HAVE CHEERLEADING PRACTICE AFTER SCHOOL.
WHA.. WHAT?!
COULD WE PUT OFF THE NEW TUTOR?
I WANT TO FIND WHO I AM.
WHAT?

OF COURSE I'LL STILL STUDY HARD
..BUT COULD YOU LET ME DO SOMETHING BESIDES STUDYING? PLEASE?
I'LL STILL STUDY HARD!
WHAT?! HOW DARE YOU DISOBEY ME!
I WONDER WHO THAT IS
DING DONG
DING DONG
HEY!
HEY, YOU CAN'T JUST COME IN HERE!
!!
OH NO, NOT YOU!
DO YOU KNOW THESE GUYS, KYOKO?
YOU SEEM TO BE DOING WEL...
WHY ARE THEY HERE?

...
KYOKO?
Gulp!
KYOKO..
NEVER!
MY ONE AND ONLY DAUGHTER DOING DRUGS?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I'M CALLING THE POLICE!
I guess you'll just have to see it for yourself
I'M REALLY SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS TO A DOTING PARENT, BUT.
WHEN I GOT THESE PICTURES, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO, SHALL WE SAY, "DISCUSS" WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

THESE COULD CAUSE BIG PROBLEMS FOR YOU IF THEY GOT PASSED AROUND TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NOW COULDN'T THEY!
!!
MR. KEIZO MAEDA, HEAD GUIDANCE COUNSELOR AT EAST HIGH SCHOOL...
WHEN WERE THOSE TAKEN!
No!
Dear!
DAD!
WELL, THAT'S A START
... . .
YOU'RE HER POPS, SO IT'S YOUR DECISION.
SO, WHADAYA WANT US TO DO!
IS. IS IT MONEY YOU WANT!

Excuse us!
WELL, THEN, I'LL RETURN THESE TO YOU.
Keizo Maeda
Savings Account
WHAT A DEVOTED FATHER...
HA!
SLAP!
.....
NO!
DAD!
DEAR!
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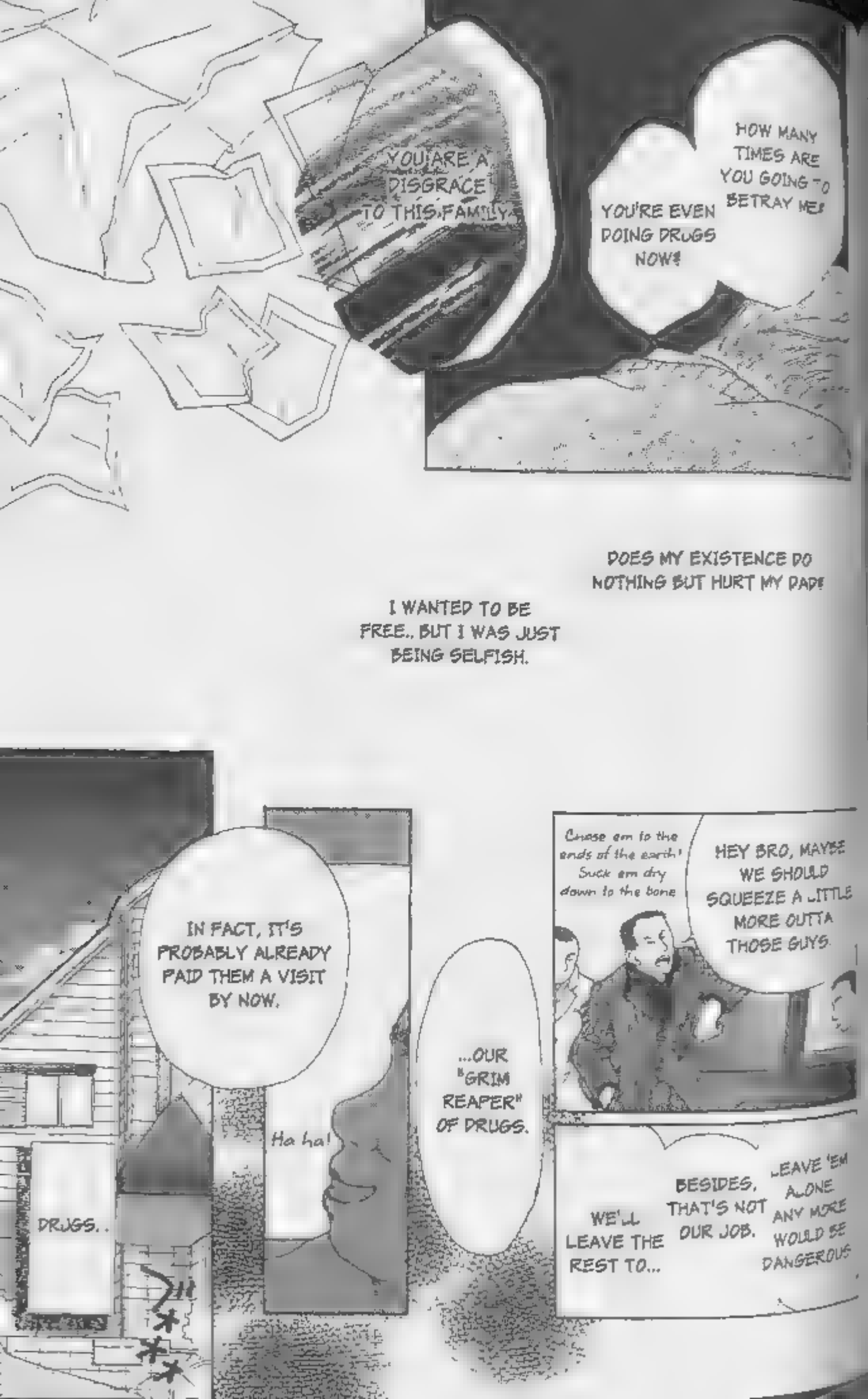
YOU ARE A DISGRACE TO THIS FAMILY
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO BETRAY ME!
YOU'RE EVEN DOING DRUGS NOW!
DOES MY EXISTENCE DO NOTHING BUT HURT MY DAD!
I WANTED TO BE FREE.. BUT I WAS JUST BEING SELFISH.
IN FACT, IT'S PROBABLY ALREADY PAID THEM A VISIT BY NOW.
Ha ha!
DRUGS..
...OUR "GRIM REAPER" OF DRUGS.
Chase em to the ends of the earth! Suck em dry down to the bone
HEY BRO, MAYBE WE SHOULD SQUEEZE A LITTLE MORE OUTTA THOSE GUYS.
WE'LL LEAVE THE REST TO...
BESIDES, THAT'S NOT OUR JOB.
LEAVE 'EM ALONE ANY MORE WOULD BE DANGEROUS

STOP! YOU'RE NOT GETTIN' AWAY!
HERE IT IS! THEY HID IT IN HERE!
DRUGS BRING PLEASURE.
BUT THAT'S JUST A FAÇADE.
S..STOP IT!
NOOOO! THEY'VE COME BACK TO GET ME!
LOOK! THEY'RE IN THE GARDEN!
Kyo?
THERE'S ANOTHER SIDE TO DRUGS.
Bugs?
AAAUGH! BUGS!
Auugh!
Yaaaugh!
EEEW! EEEW! BUGS! SO MANY BUGS!

SHE'S HEARING THINGS.
SHE'S HALLUCINATING
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THOSE ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF DRUG ADDICTION
LET'S TAKE HER TO THE HOSPITAL.
IF WE DON'T GET HER BACK TO NORMAL SOON, WE'LL LOSE EVERYTHING.
NO!
IF WE DO THAT, THIS WHOLE MESS WILL BE PUBLIC.
NO WAY!
BUT...
IT'S OKAY SHE'S SLEEPING.
THEY'RE ALSO GRIM REAPERS THAT LEAD PEOPLE TO DESTRUCTION

SLAM!
I'M SURE SHE'LL BE FINE SOON AS LONG AS SHE DOESN'T GET ANY MORE DRUGS. KEEP AN EYE ON HER. GOT IT?
HONEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I HAVE TO GO TO WORK, RIGHT?
LISTEN! DON'T LET HER SET A FOOT OUTSIDE. WE'LL KEEP HER OUT OF SCHOOL. TELL THEM SHE'S SICK.
I'M SURE I HEARD A VOICE.
AND THERE WERE SO MANY BUGS...
MY HEAD IS POUNDING, MY BODY IS FROZEN STIFF, AND I HAVE A BITTER TASTE IN MY MOUTH.
SUGAR
Huff! Huff! Huff!
Huff huff huff
MY THROAT'S DRY.
Huff!

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WHO'S THERE?
ANOTHER HALLUCI-NATION?
AYA!
YO!
THIS WILL MAKE YOUR HALLUCINATIONS GO AWAY
I HAD SOME YESTERDAY, SO I TURNED INTO A SPECK! BOY, DID I PANIC!
YOU WANT SOME OF THIS, RIGHT?
HERE!
!!
SHE'S REAL?
Your mom wouldn't let me in.
Um.
HA!

AAAHH....
AAAHH...
AYA, I THOUGHT YOU HAD ENOUGH OF DRUGS
Whatever
I MIGHT'VE HAD TO QUIT IF I WAS A GUY, BUT ..
Ha ha ha!
I'M A WOMAN, SO I'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF MONEY FOR THIS STUFF
AYA!
HEY!
YOU KNOW
AAAAAH! THAT WAS THE BEST!
IF I DO IT AGAIN I WON'T BE ABLE TO QUIT!
OH,
WELL THEN, ALL THE MORE REASON YOU SHOULD HIDE THAT.
OOOH, YOU THINK?
HEE HEE!
I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT ANYMORE!
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CAN'T
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Huff
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Huff
huff
JUST ONE MORE TIME
BEFORE I QUIT...
ONE LAST
TIME.
JUST
ONE
LAST
TIME...

DING DONG
KYO DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL TODAY, SO WE WERE KIND OF WORRIED
Y..YEAH. SHE HAS A COLD, AND A HIGH FEVER.
I see.
Take care!
Thank you!
YAAAAH!! HAHA HAHAHA!
KYO!
I can fly!!
I can fly!
Wheeee!

I'm a butterfly!
Anahahahaha!
KYO!
No!
LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME!
I'M GONNA FLY!
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YOU USED DRUGS AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?
WHY?
I CAN'T GET THAT FEELING OUT OF MY HEAD, NO MATTER WHAT I DO.
IT'S NO USE.
KYOKO!
CHATTER CHATTER
Dear!
Look! Isn't that Maedo's daughter?

MY MIND REMEMBERS THE ECSTASY.
There's bugs!
Aaaugh! Open the door!
Kazue wait somewhere else and come back later
BAM BAM
Yes, dear
WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE HER TO THE HOSPITAL?
W..
WAIT A MINUTE, WAS IT YOU GUYS WHO TEMPTED HER WITH THOSE DRUGS?
What?
EH?!
I BET YOU GAVE HER CIGARETTES TO HELP HER LOSE WEIGHT, THEN USED THAT TO GET HER INTO WORSE AND WORSE DRUGS, RIGHT? AM I RIGHT?
MR MAEDA
N. NO HOSPITAL WOULD TAKE HER LIKE THIS!
BUT.
WHY. WHY DO THERE HAVE TO BE DRUGS LIKE THIS?
AND WHY'D YOU TAKE THEM?! IDIOT!
DAMMIT!
MAYBE SHE DID START TO USE DRUGS TO LOSE WEIGHT, BUT WE NEVER..
GO HOME! AND DON'T SHOW YOUR FACE AROUND HERE AGAIN
MR. MAEDA!

THANK GOD I HAD SOME HIDDEN
I'M SCARED OF THE HALLUCINATIONS, SO I DO MORE DRUGS..
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I'M SURE I HID SOME THERE.
Huff huff huff!
OH YEAH!
I CAN'T TELL WHAT'S REAL AND WHAT'S A HALLUCINATION ANYMORE.
WHEN I GET SAD, I DO MORE DRUGS.
IT HELPS ME CALM DOWN
KYOKO!
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KYOKO..
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FUCK
FUCK
FUCK

MORE OVER HERE, TOO.
THERE'S SOME OVER HERE.
IS THAT ALL OF IT?
KYO, NO!
I SWEAR IT'LL BE MY LAST!
JUST ONE MORE!
AM I ALIVE?
MY FACE IS PROBABLY COMPLETELY BLACK
MAYBE I'M TURNING INTO A PIG
OR MAYBE I'M MELTING AWAY DROP BY DROP
I'M TOO SCARED TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR

I'll DO WHATEVER IT TAKES SO PLEASE
Just one more One last time
PLEASE DEAR, WE NEED TO TAKE HER TO THE HOSPITAL. SHE'S GOING TO DIE LIKE THIS!
OR MAYBE I'LL TAKE HER TO MY PARENTS' PLACE UNTIL SHE GETS BETTER, SO IT WON'T BOTHER YOU!
ALL RIGHT KYO COME WITH MOM. OKAY? HANG TOUGH.
HANG IN THERE, OKAY?
YOU'LL TRY HARD RIGHT?
PLEASE TRY HARD
JUST LOOK AT KYOKO'S GRADES!
YOU'VE BEEN TOO EASY ON HER, KAZUE.
I'LL BE AT THE TOP OF THE CLASS FOR SURE THIS TIME!
I'LL TRY HARD! I'LL TRY HARD!

GIVE ME THE S!
BRING ME THE S! HURRY!
Hurry!
早く!
KYO!
STOP IT, DAD! DON'T BLAME MOM!
I'LL TRY MY HARDEST! I'LL GET INTO TOKYO UNIVERSITY! PROMISE!
SO. GIVE ME THE S...
KYO..
KYO, STOP IT! THERE'S NO MORE! THERE'S NO MORE LEFT ANYWHERE!
SNAP OUT OF IT!
WHY?
WHY CAN'T I USE IT? IS IT SO BAD?
BUT I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT IT!
KYO!
THAT'S ENOUGH, KAZUE.
ENTRANCE EXAMS

I JUST WANT TO MAKE DAD HAPPY!
IS THAT ALL RIGHT? YOU'LL LET ME DO THAT, RIGHT?
IF I TAKE IT, I CAN STAY UP SO I CAN STUDY
I'M A GOOD GIRL, RIGHT, DADDY?
I'M A GOOD GIRL, RIGHT?
. . .
YOU WERE HAPPY WHEN I STAYED UP TO STUDY, RIGHT?

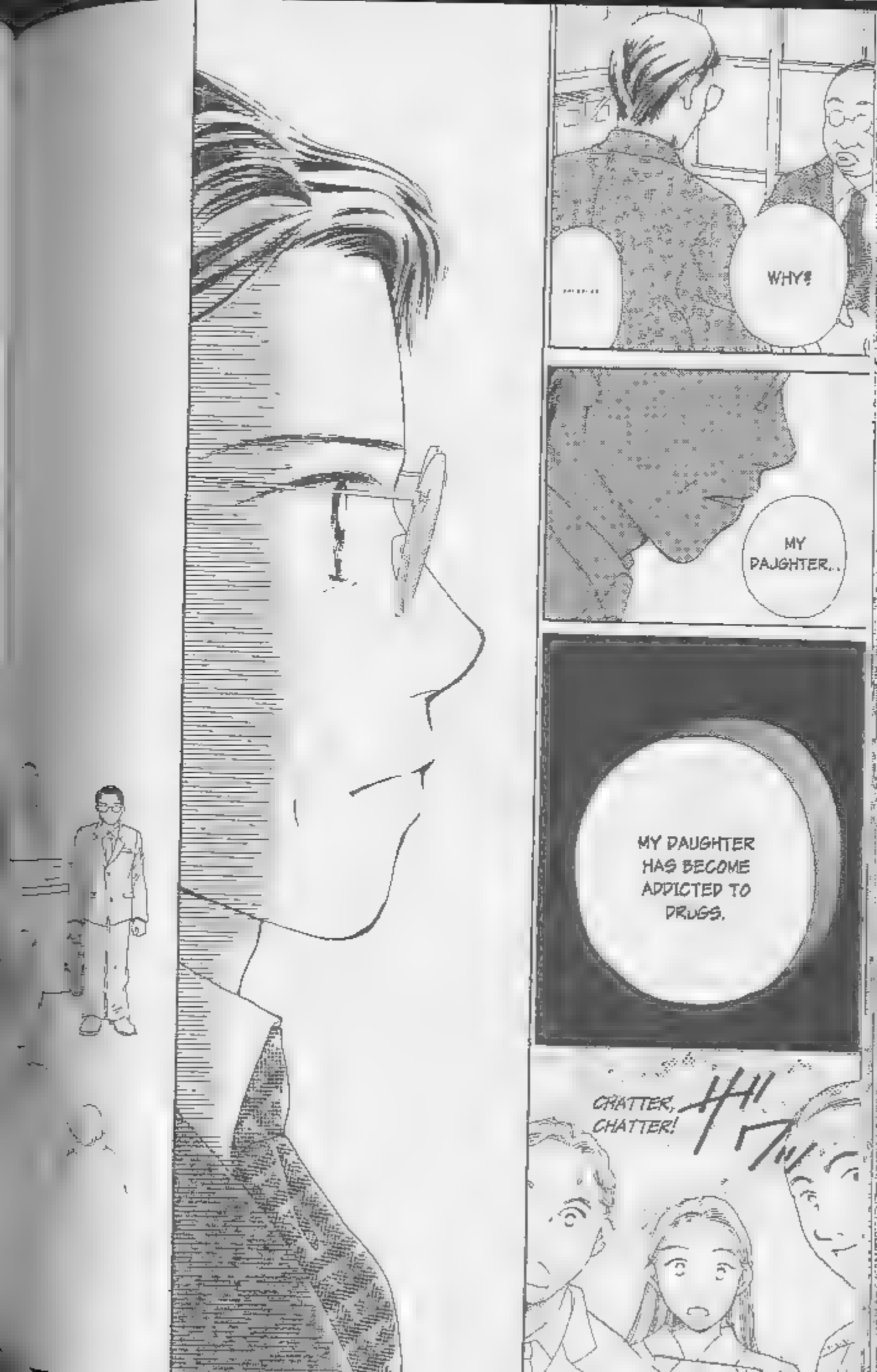
KYOKO... YOU...
I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP!
I CAN'T FALL ASLEEP!
TRY HARDER! TRY HARDER!
TRY HARDER!

THAT'S ENOUGH.
YOU CAN GO TO SLEEP, KYOKO.

KYOKO!
KYOKO.
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.
NO
Aaugh!
KYOKO..

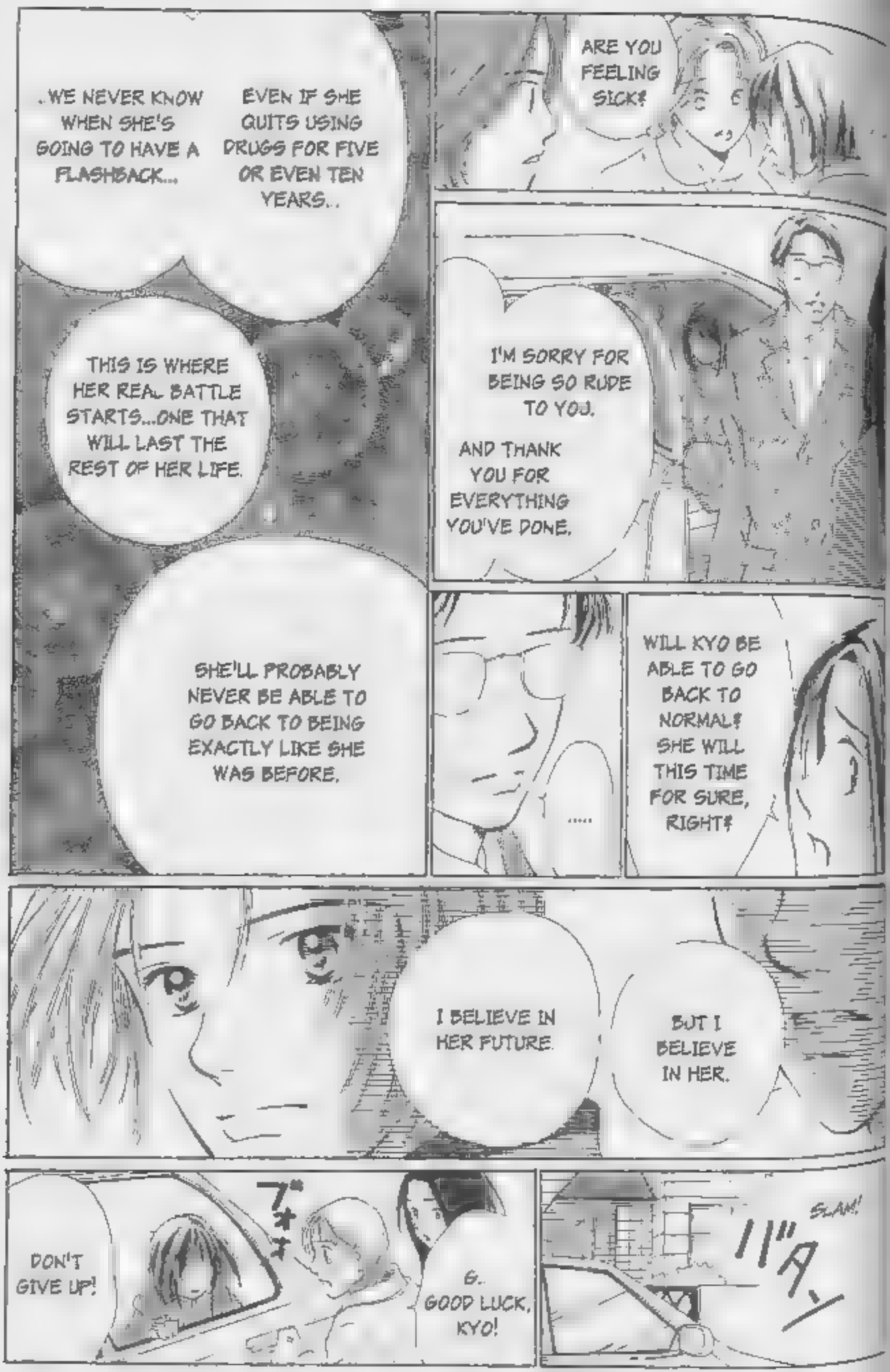
D...DAD!
DAD!

FACULTY ROOM
CHUCKLE..
TAKE A LOOK AT MAEDA'S FACULTY PROFILE.
HEY, LOOK! MR. MAEDA FORGOT TO SALUTE TO THE BRONZE STATUE.
Whisper, whisper
GOOD MORNING, MR. MAEDA.
DING DONG
EAST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Ha!
AS IF NO ONE HERE ALREADY KNEW THAT!
Yup, there it is!
HE JUST HAD TO MAKE SURE IT SAID HE GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY IN REALLY BIG TYPE
I'D LIKE TO REQUEST A LEAVE OF ABSENCE.
SIR.
OR, IF YOU'D RATHER HAVE ME RETIRE, I DON'T MIND THAT EITHER.
THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF GUY HE IS.


WHY?
MY DAUGHTER...
MY DAUGHTER HAS BECOME ADDICTED TO DRUGS.
CHATTER, CHATTER!
HI

I WONDER WHY I COULDN'T KEEP LOVING KYOKO UNCONDITIONALLY..
..LIKE I DID WHEN SHE WAS BORN
I'M SO SORRY
MY PERSONAL ISSUES ENDED UP AFFECTING KYOKO.
...AND YOU TOO, KAZUE.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW KYOKO SMILE?
PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
SHE RISKED HER LIFE TRYING TO MAKE ME LOVE HER...
I WAS A BAD FATHER, BUT SHE NEVER HATED ME FOR IT
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, KYOKO?

YEAH.
DO YOU RECOGNIZE US, KYO?
Chuckle!
JEEZ, THAT'S THE SAME THING MY DAD ASKED
HA!
Phew!
UM, FROM NOW ON..
WELL, UM, TODAY...
I STILL KEPT SUFFERING WITHDRAWL SYMPTOMS. I COULDN'T STOP SHAKING.
SHE'LL BE GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL TODAY.
AFTER THAT, SHE'LL BE PLACED IN A DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER.
N-EN
ARE YOU COMING BACK, KYO?
KYO


..WE NEVER KNOW WHEN SHE'S GOING TO HAVE A FLASHBACK...
EVEN IF SHE QUITS USING DRUGS FOR FIVE OR EVEN TEN YEARS..
THIS IS WHERE HER REAL BATTLE STARTS...ONE THAT WILL LAST THE REST OF HER LIFE.
SHE'LL PROBABLY NEVER BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO BEING EXACTLY LIKE SHE WAS BEFORE.
ARE YOU FEELING SICK?
I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO RUDE TO YOU.
AND THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE.
.....
WILL KYO BE ABLE TO GO BACK TO NORMAL? SHE WILL THIS TIME FOR SURE, RIGHT?
I BELIEVE IN HER FUTURE.
BUT I BELIEVE IN HER.
DON'T GIVE UP!
G.. GOOD LUCK, KYO!
SLAM!

THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO ME.
IF I EVER FEEL THE URGE TO DO DRUGS AGAIN, I'LL JUST REMEMBER YOUR FACES!
I CAN'T BELIEVE EVEN SOMEONE AS INNOCENT AS KYO COULD GET MIXED UP WITH DRUGS
DRUGS ARE THE MOST TERRIFYING THINGS EVER MADE
DRUGS GRAB AHOLD OF PEOPLE AND DON'T LET GO

YOU'RE REALLY GONNA GO?
FOR A MOMENT, I HAD A FLASHBACK TO WHEN I WAS DOING S..
KYO!
AYA!
I EVEN HAVE A BOYFRIEND AT THE PLACE I WORK!
THE POWER OF LOVE! HA HA HA!
Sorry for everything, Mr and Ms. Maeda.
ME TOO! I'M REEEEEALLY GONNA QUIT THIS TIME!
KYO, IT'S TIME TO GO.
Y YEAH.
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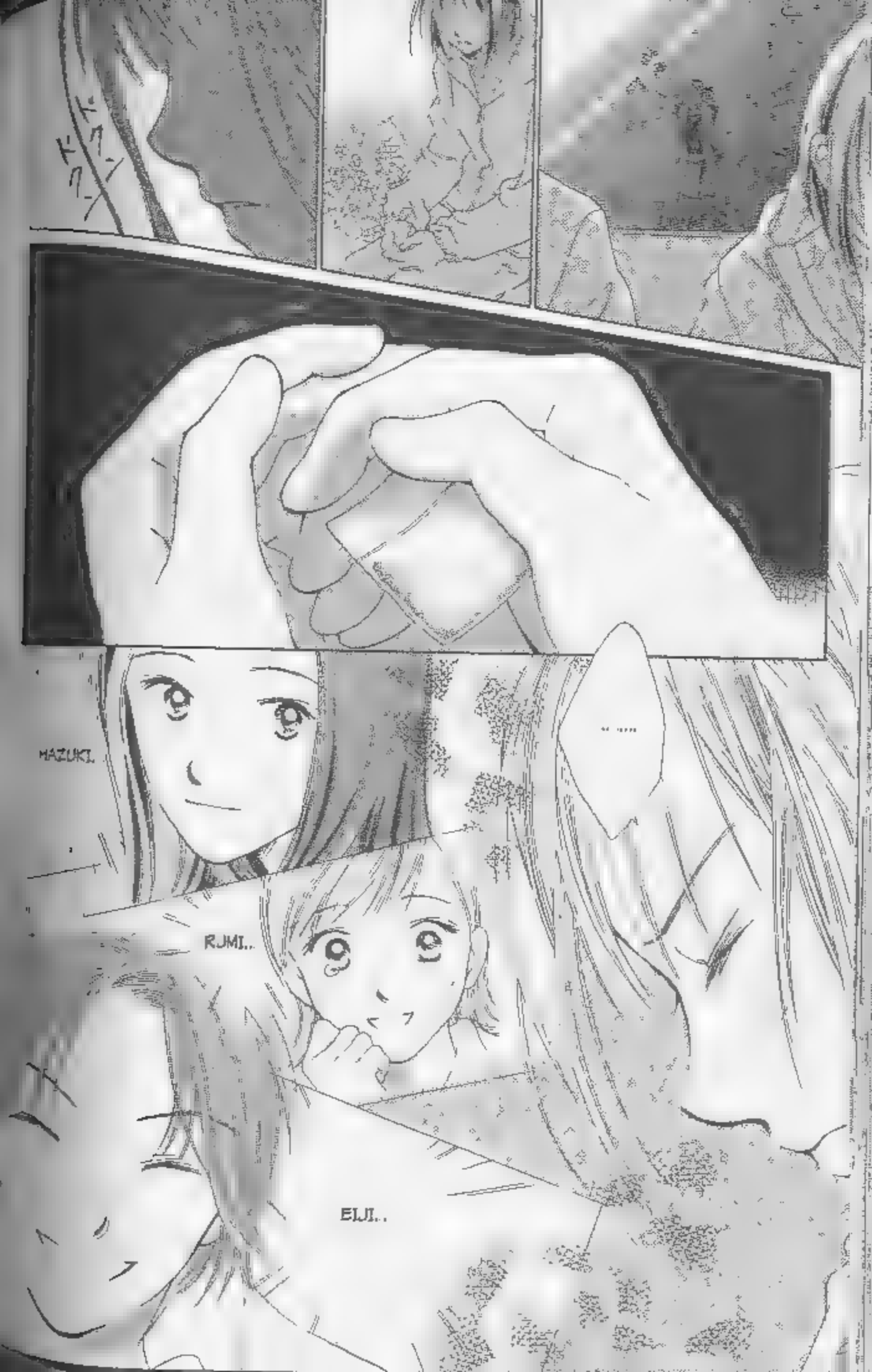
LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST!


MAZUKI
RUMI..
EIJI..

DAD...
DO YOU WANT ME TO STOP THE CAR?
IS SOMETHING WRONG? DO YOU FEEL SICK?
MOM
I'LL BE OKAY.
NO, I'LL BE OKAY.
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SHE JUST JUMPED RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF ME, LAUGHING HER HEAD OFF!
IT'S LIKE SHE DIDN'T EVEN SEE MY CAR!

NO, NO, IT'S JUST A DIET DRUG.
S? SPEED?
THAT'S A STIMULANT, RIGHT?
I HAVE SOME GREAT STUFF FOR YOU.
STUFF THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL REALLY GOOD.

THE END

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